

VISTAKON Research Grants

Grantor: American Optometric Foundation

Closes: 9/3/2010

Maximum: \$25,000.00

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Purpose

To encourage talented persons to pursue full-time careers in optometry, the American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is now accepting proposals for two research grants sponsored by VISTAKON®, Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. The AOF, in conjunction with the American Academy of Optometry Research Committee, will award these competitive grants to fund basic or clinical research in the area of soft contact lenses.

Awards

Two one-year awards: \$25,000 and \$10,000. All funds, as per policy of the Foundation, will be issued in U.S. currency.

Eligibility

The \$25,000 award is open to all persons in optometry and vision science. In 2009 the winner was chosen from a pool of 15 very competitive applicants.

The \$10,000 award is limited to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows no more than five years from their terminal degree. Eight applications were received in 2009.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is September 3, 2010.

Application and Review Procedures

Each proposal must be submitted electronically and contain the following components.

- * Cover page; project title, institution, name and title including degree for Primary and Secondary Investigator.
- * Introduction; background and significance; specific aims; preliminary studies; and study design and methods. These sections should total no more than 5 pages.
- * References (maximum of 1 page)
- * Budget and budget justification (maximum of 1 page) *No Overhead or indirect cost.
- * Biographical sketch(es) of Principal and one co-investigator only (maximum of 2 pages for each investigator) and must include:

- o Full contact information
- o Education/training; research and professional experience; honors and awards
- o Publications (refereed) for the last three years and representative earlier publications

Applications that do not follow this outline will not be considered.

Proposals are reviewed by a peer review committee established by the American Academy of Optometry's Research Committee.

Application Submission

All proposals must be submitted by email to: Email AOF Awards and contain in the subject title: Vistakon Research Grant.

Applicants will receive a confirmation receipt by email from the Foundation within 24 - 48 business hours after submission. Files exceeding 10 MB must be broken into separate smaller units to allow passage through internet security measures.

Costs

The AOF is a non-profit organization and our policy is not to cover any overhead/indirect costs associated with Vistakon Research Grants or any other of our programs. This policy applies uniformly to all award recipients.

Award Conditions

Funds support research conducted for a period of one year. Recipients must submit a minimum 500 word report of their research findings to the AOF at the end of the award period in order to be eligible for subsequent awards.

Any manuscript or publication material produced must acknowledge the American Optometric Foundation and Vistakon.

Recipients are also encouraged to submit a manuscript to Optometry and Vision Science.

For additional information, contact Tracy Kitts, Foundation Coordinator at the American Optometric Foundation: (301) 984-4734 or Email AOF Awards

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Categories: Clinical Research, Eye, Ophthalmology/Vision Science, Optometry

Audience: Doctoral Student, Graduate Student, Junior Investigator, Junior Researcher, Junior Scientist, New Investigator, New Researcher, Ophthalmic Nurse, Optometrist, Postdoctoral Fellow, Young Investigator, Young Scientist