

Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis:



Research Grant

In selecting the most qualified candidate for the AOI Research Grant, the following considerations are proposed:

1. The goal of the AOI Research grant is to support promising vision scientists from low-resource countries, where knowledge is not easily available.
2. A current AOI member or members will serve as the preceptor(s) for the candidate and the candidate may perform his/her research fellowship at one of the preceptors home institution.
3. The candidate must be an ophthalmologist, ophthalmology resident, or visual science investigator who is currently part of an ophthalmology department in their home country. Applicants must have an MD or similar level degree.
4. The candidate will be selected by an AOI committee appointed by the AOI President and approved by the Executive Committee.

5. The recipient may or may not be currently enrolled in a PhD program in their home institution, however preference may be given to a PhD candidate by the selection committee.
6. Preference will be given to candidates proposing translational or basic research in the field of ophthalmology that focuses on: New diagnostic interventions or methods, improved understanding of mechanisms of disease, or the development of novel medical or surgical therapies.
7. In order to maximize the success of the candidate, it is preferable, but not required, that a working professional relationship be in place between the AOI preceptor(s) and the home institution of the candidate to insure continued intellectual and financial support for the candidate on his/her return to the home Department.
8. The amount of the grant will be 7000 euro, paid in quarterly increments directly to the candidate. It can be used for travel and living expenses of the candidate and should not be used for any support or fees at the visiting institution.
9. The Fellowship should be approximately 6 months in length.
10. The application deadline is March 31 of each year, with notices sent out in July. The earliest start date is 1 October of the same year.