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2017 American Academy of Optometry and American Academy of Optometry Foundation Student Travel Fellowship and Resident Travel Fellowship Recipients Announced

The American Academy of Optometry is pleased to congratulate the recipients of the 2017 Student Travel Fellowship Awards and Resident Travel Fellowship Awards. These travel fellowships will allow students and residents to attend Academy 2017 Chicago, October 11-14, 2017. The 2017 recipients follow:

Student Travel Fellowships

Presented at the Student Welcome Reception on Wednesday, October 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in S406, McCormick Place South.

American Optometric Student Association Student Travel Fellowships

Carolyn Chakuroff, *The Ohio State University*
Jennifer Nguyen, *State University of New York*

Presented at the Student and Resident Awards Lunch on Thursday, October 12 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in S406, McCormick Place South.

Frank W. Weymouth Student Travel Fellowship

Hannah Jean Burfield, *University of Houston*
Diane N. Sayah, OD, *University of Montreal*

Irvin M. Borish Student Travel Fellowship

Lacey Haines, OD, FIACLE, *University of Waterloo*
Laura Pardon, OD, MS, FAAO, *University of Houston*

Brazelton Low Vision Student Travel Fellowship

Natalie Nicole Stepien-Bernabe, *University of California, Berkeley*

Edward I. Goodlaw Student Travel Fellowship

Micaela Gobeille, *New England College of Optometry*

Robert D. Newcomb Student Travel Fellowship Award for Leadership

Lorenzo Anderson, *University of Houston*

Michael G. Harris Student Travel Fellowship Award for Leadership

Andy Mackner, *Pacific University*

American Academy of Optometry Student Travel Fellowships

Bright Senyo Ashimatey, OD, *Indiana University*
Jacqueline Balderas, *University of the Incarnate Word*
Joanna Cotter, *Nova Southeastern University*
Tina Gao, *University of Auckland, New Zealand*
Mariko Hirano, OD, *University of Waterloo*

Funded by an educational grant from Johnson and Johnson Vision

Ayah Ahamed, *State University of New York*
Sabeen Ali, *University of the Incarnate Word*
Edmund Arthur, OD, *Indiana University*
Marielle Blumenthaler, *The Ohio State University*
Hin Cheung, OD, *Indiana University*
Kristi Choy, *University of California, Berkeley*
Colleen Doyle, *The Ohio State University*
Asiya Jabeen, *University of Waterloo*
Ashutosh Jnawali, *University of Houston*
Deepayan Kar, *Pacific University*
Elise Luthun, *University of Montreal*
Pooja Mahadev, *State University of New York*

Abhishek Mandal, *Glasgow Caledonian University*
Sarah Alyce Miller, *New England College of Optometry*
Stephen Ocansey, *Anglia Ruskin University*
Cameron K. Postnikoff, *University of Alabama Birmingham*
Daisy Yao Shu, BOptom(Hons)/BSci, *University of New South Wales*
Elaine Marie Steffensen, *University of Houston*
Ryan-Quang Van, *Nova Southeastern University*
Rachel Christine Williams, *University of Houston*
Stephanie Wong, *University of Waterloo*

Arizona Chapter Student Travel Fellowship

Devany Dougherty, *Midwestern University, Arizona*

Florida Chapter Student Travel Fellowships

Jessica Doyle, *Nova Southeastern University*
Brian Roberts, *Nova Southeastern University*
Amy Vinogradov, *Nova Southeastern University*

Funded by an educational grant from Essilor

Priscilla Wai Yin Chang, *Illinois College of Optometry*
Rebecca Chung, *Pacific University*
Melinda De Jesus, *Marshall B. Ketchum University*
Brittany Doss, *Midwestern University Arizona*
Elizabeth Fahy, *Southern College of Optometry*
Keyla Gammarano, *Nova Southeastern University*
Rahul Joshi, *University of Waterloo*
Il Jin Kim, *Salus University*
Leslie Kinder, *University of Missouri – St. Louis*
Eun-Young Esther Ko, *MCPHS*
Sawyer Lambert, *University of Houston*

Guillaume Landry-Proulx, *University of Montreal*
Brendon Manns, *Ferris State University*
Samuel Moon, *University of the Incarnate Word*
Kevin Rodda, *The Ohio State University*
Krystal Rogge, *Northeastern State University*
Johann Schlager, *Western University*
Brittany Stern, *Inter American University of Puerto Rico*
Ramandeep Toor, *New England College of Optometry*
Natalie West, *University of Alabama, Birmingham*
Isabel Wilson, *Indiana University*
Nolan Wilson, *State University of New York*
Michelle Zaw, *University of California, Berkeley*

Allergan Resident Travel Fellowships

Alaina Bandstra, OD,
Illinois College of Optometry
Ashley Berens, OD,
Ferris State University
Anne Bertolet, OD,
MS, New England

College of Optometry
Mary Botelho, OD,
State University of New York
Taylor Bowman, OD,
Indiana University

Victoria Chan, OD,
Salus University
Taylor Chesnut, OD,
Illinois College of Optometry
Jordan Davidner, OD,
New England

*College of
Optometry*
Emily DePew, OD,
*Nova Southeastern
University*
Margaret Dixon, OD,
*Illinois College of
Optometry*
Samantha Gagnon, OD,
*Illinois College of
Optometry*
Courtney Goode, OD,
*University of
California, Berkeley*
Rachel Hasler, OD,
*Illinois College of
Optometry*
Kirby Johnston, OD,
*Nova Southeastern
University*
Nicholas Karbach, OD,
Salus University
Samantha Kayser, OD,
*Nova Southeastern
University*
Justin Knuckles, OD,
*Nova Southeastern
University*
Meagan LeGrand, OD,
*University of
Houston*
Alyssa Louie, OD,
*University of
California, Berkeley*

Pamela Martin, OD,
*Northeastern State
University*
Taylor McGann, OD,
*The Ohio State
University*
Michael Merritt, OD,
*New England
College of
Optometry*
Christian Meyer, OD,
Indiana University
Hunter Morgan, OD,
*State University of
New York*
Ryan Ngo, OD, *State
University of New
York*
Nathania
Nhoyvanisvong,
OD, *Marshall B.
Ketchum University*
Leah Nolander, OD,
*University of
Houston*
Haina Patel, OD, *The
Ohio State
University*
Adam Peiffer, OD, *The
Ohio State
University*
Jane Pouvaranukoah,
OD, *University of
California, Berkeley*

Clinton Prestwich, OD,
*Southern California
College of
Optometry*
Kirsti Ramirez, OD,
*University of the
Incarnate Word*
Rachel Roman, OD,
*New England
College of
Optometry*
Amy Schaag, OD,
*University of
Missouri - St. Louis*
Alexandra Scovill, OD,
*Marshall B.
Ketchum University*
Roxanne Senechal,
OD, *Nova
Southeastern
University*
Laura Thompson, OD,
*Illinois College of
Optometry*
Desiree Vanderstar,
OD, *Southern
College of
Optometry*
Meagan Williams, OD,
*Southern College of
Optometry*
Jenna Williams, OD,
*Ferris State
University*

Presented at the American Academy of Optometry Foundation Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, October 14 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in E450A, Lakeside Center.

**Beta Sigma Kappa Student Travel
Fellowship**

Cameron Sefton, *New England College of
Optometry*

**Elmer H. Eger Memorial Student Travel
Fellowship**

Bryan Williams, *University of Houston*

**N. Rex Ghormley Student Travel
Fellowship**

Elizabeth Galko, *The Ohio State University*

AAOF Student Giving Matching Travel Grants

Indiana University

Lindsey Colliver
Nicole Schmiedt

**Johnson and Johnson Vision Student
Travel Fellowships**

Kamil Hill, *Southern College of Optometry*
Hannah Mikes, *Marshall B. Ketchum
University*

Tatsiana Palavets, *State University of New
York*

Danica Yang, *State University of New York*

**Kirschen Family Student Travel
Fellowship**

Kirsten Carter, *University of Waterloo*

**Massachusetts College
of Pharmacy and Health
Sciences**

Stephanie Gee
Maria Nguyen

**Northeastern State
University**
Kevin Stieb
Brittany Wolthuizen

**The Ohio State
University**
Rachel Fenton
Elizabeth Lemos

**University of Alabama at
Birmingham**
Jessica Arighi Boyd
Conner Robbins
Emma Wilhite Scott
Jinen (Jay) Shah

University of Pikeville
Nicole Flowers
Jacob Webster

**Western University of
Health Sciences**
Bryan Kimura
Bashir Tarraf

**State University of New
York**
Nicole Poon
Christine Weng

Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies Resident Travel Fellowships

Funded by Cooper Vision

Presented at the CooperVision Exhibit Hall Booth on Thursday, October 12 at 10:30 AM.

Jamie Blavat, OD, *Illinois College of Optometry*
Laurence Boily, OD, *University of Montreal*
Ariel Cerenzie, OD, *University of Missouri-St. Louis*
W. Reid Cluff, OD, *University of Alabama,
Birmingham*
Avani Dave, OD, *New England College of Optometry*
Elizabeth Escobedo, OD, *Northeastern State
University*
Alyssa Perlman-Hensen, OD, *New England College
of Optometry*
Jessica Lam, OD, *Southern College of Optometry*
Annie Lee, OD, *Marshall B. Ketchum University*
Jessica Lin, OD, *Marshall B. Ketchum University*
Katie McClure, OD, *The Ohio State University*
Patrick McManamon, OD, *Salus University*
Michael Mendsen, OD, *State University of New York*

Karen Molina, OD, *University of California,
Berkeley*
Azinda Morrow, OD, *Illinois College of Optometry*
Anisha Patel, OD, *Nova Southeastern University*
Pratik Patel, OD, *The Ohio State University*
Stephen Ridder, OD, *Marshall B. Ketchum
University*
Austin Schipper, OD, *Michigan College of
Optometry*
Amanda Thurmes, OD, *Illinois College of Optometry*
Erin Tomiyama, OD, *University of Houston*
Jessica Tu, OD, *Indiana University*
Steven Turpin, OD, *Pacific University*
Andrew Vo, OD, *Marshall B. Ketchum University*
Kelly Voltz, OD, *State University of New York*
Carol Yu, OD, *Nova Southeastern University*

About the American Academy of Optometry

The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) enhances excellence in optometric practice by fostering research and disseminating knowledge in vision science through its journal, *Optometry and Vision Science*, and the continuing education presented at its annual meeting. Fellows of the Academy are committed to the premise that learning is a lifelong obligation of a professional, as is the commitment to expand the profession's knowledge base through ongoing fellowship and exchange. For more information, visit <http://www.aaopt.org>.

The next annual meeting of the Academy will be October 11-14, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois. For more information visit <http://www.aaopt.org/regsite>.

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