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**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
THE 2020 KORB-EXFORD DRY EYE CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENT**



ORLANDO, FL (September 22, 2020) We are pleased to announce William Ngo, OD, PhD, FAAO as this year's recipient of the Korb - Exford Dry Eye Career Development Grant.

Dr. Ngo is head of Biosciences at the Centre for Ocular Research and Education and a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science.

The grant is designed to support an individual to further their knowledge in the broad area of dry eye. His proposal to develop a biomarker panel to differentiate dry eye disease and neuropathic pain was chosen out of seven very competitive submissions.

This \$25,000 grant will help Dr. Ngo advance eyecare and improve outcomes for people with dry eye disease. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Ngo on this impressive honor.

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