

## AUPO/RPB Resident and Fellow Research Forum CALL FOR NOMINEES: DEADLINE September 15

**Description of the Award:** The AUPO/RPB Resident and Fellow Research Forum was established through a grant provided by Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB). The AUPO believes strongly that skills learned by participating in research are an invaluable component of the education of an ophthalmologist. The establishment of the Resident and Fellow Research Forum acknowledges the importance of research in ophthalmic education and is intended to encourage the most promising house officers to pursue a career in academic ophthalmology and vision research. Through this forum AUPO promotes excellence in research by residents and fellows and identifies and supports individuals considering a career in ophthalmic research. Each year, AUPO schedules a session for the Forum as an integral part of the annual meeting. Travel-related expenses for the meeting are covered by AUPO; winners receive a cash award of \$500 and a commemorative certificate.

### **Criteria for Nomination:**

Nominees for the Resident and Fellow Research Forum must fulfill the following criteria:

- Residents or fellows, carrying out research on a full or part-time basis in any approved residency training program in the United States and Canada, and medical students doing a full year of research;
- Research content should reflect ongoing or very recent research that has not yet been published or accepted for publication at the time of submission;
- Applications across the full spectrum of ophthalmic diseases are encouraged;
- A winning presenter is eligible to present only once at an AUPO annual meeting;

### **Nomination Process:**

- Candidates must be nominated by their Ophthalmology Department Chair
- The Application Packet must include the following items (10 pt. font or greater):
  - One (1) letter (not to exceed two pages) from the Ophthalmology summarizing the Nominee's special qualifications for the Award and verifying that, if awarded:
    - The percent of 'hands-on' effort by the candidate described in the abstract;
    - The award will be granted directly to the Awardee and not counted against normal compensation or deposited in department accounts;
    - The Awardee will attend the Annual Meeting of the AUPO to receive the award and will be accompanied by the Chair or an Associate Member from their department.
  - One (1) page Curriculum Vitae;
  - Abstract of research carried out by candidate
    - Abstracts should indicate the percent of "hands-on" effort of the work performed by the candidate;
    - Abstracts should be in ARVO format;
    - The *introduction* should contain a single sentence statement of the hypothesis;
    - The *conclusion* should contain a single sentence statement of the relevance of the work to the prevention of blindness (why the study is therefore important).
- No candidate may submit more than one abstract, although there is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted from any department. In general, there should be only one submission from the laboratory or program of an individual scientific faculty preceptor.
- The completed application packet must be compiled by the Department Chair and submitted electronically by September 15. Please click [here](#) to complete application packet.

### **Selection Process:**

- All completed applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee, consisting of Chairs and Directors of Research from Departments of Ophthalmology.
- The four successful candidates will be notified in October.