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2018 COETF Annual Awards Program

The Canadian Optometric Education Trust Fund (COETF) was created in 1976 to assist programs in research, education and human resources development in the vision and eye care field in Canada.

Through its annual Awards Program, the COETF has supported faculty development, research and/or specialized education programs carried out by graduate students and investigative projects conducted by undergraduates and faculty at Canada's schools of optometry, as well as projects undertaken by independent practitioners or members of the public.

In 2018, the COETF received a total 37 applications. Of those, 20 were granted at least partial funding for projects or research. In most cases, applicants are not given full funding as the total amount of funding requested greatly exceeds the money available for granting. Awards funding is based on the revenue from interest earned over the previous year and the donations received from Canadian Optometrists.

All award recipients are required to submit an interim report on their project and a final report upon completion. In an effort to recognize some of the projects and research being done by COETF award recipients the Awards Committee will publish project reports in the Canadian Journal of Optometry (CJO) so that our members across the country can learn more about where COETF funding goes, as well as highlighting exciting optometric research.

Research and academic support are vital to our profession. COETF is our charity and needs our contributions, now more than ever. Please give generously and often. To donate online or download a donation form please [click here](#).

The deadline for applications each year is in early February. For additional information about the application process or a copy of the application form, contact coetf@outlook.com

The COETF Annual Awards Program for 2018 – Results

SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO		
William Ben	Bobier Thompson	Does Vision Therapy Improve Visual Performance: A Knowledge Synthesis Review
Ulrike	Stahl	Assessment of the lipid layer for dry eye classification
Nadine M.	Furtado	Effectiveness of Screening for High Blood Pressure in an Optometric Practice
Ohwod	Binhilabi	A Cross Sectional and Longitudinal Study of Visual Midline Shift Syndrome in Post-stroke Patients

Elizabeth	Drolle	Nanoscale Comparison of the Differential Effects of Dry Eye Treatments on Symptomatic Participants
Dania	Abuleil	Effects of brain stimulation on binocular rivalry and visual cortex plasticity
Marian	Elder	Effect of electromechanical lid margin debridement (BlephEx TM) in Sjogren is patients
Richard	Donkor	Treatment of amblyopia in adults using transcranial electrical stimulation
Daryl Elizabeth	Enstone	Pilot Study to Compare the Ocular Microbiome in Dry Eye and Normal Individuals
Amy Hiu	Yan Chow	Attentional Asymmetries in Strabismus
Tammy	Labreche	Vision and Driving: A Look at the MTO vision waiver program
Kirsten	Carter	Changes in Corneal Thickness in Keratoconic Eyes with Variation in Sclera! Contact Lens Central Clearance
Peter	Stirling	Continuance of "Library Information Resources & Services for Canadian Optometrists"
Amritha	Stalin	Investigation of effect of multiple visual impairments on motion perception in individuals with low vision
SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY, MONTRÉAL		
Sarah	Aumond	Presence and Association of Palpebral and Facial Demodex Folliculorum
Gabriella	Courey	Evaluating Heat Intervals of Novel Eyelid Warming Devices
Vanessa	Bachir	Retinal nerve fibre layer thickness and quality of life in multiple sclerosis
Kevin	Messier	The Effect of Combined Brinzolamide/Brimonidine and of Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty on Retinal Oximetry in Patients with Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma
Jean-Marie	Hanssens	Cross-Analysis of Refractive Methods
OTHER		
Cindy	Ho	The effects of binocular treatment for amblyopia when patching therapy fails

Institution	Total Applications Received	Total Funding Requested	Total Applications Approved	Total Funding provided
Total Waterloo School of Optometry Applications	24	\$ 117,617.50	14	\$ 21,500.00
Total Montréal École d'Optométrie Applications	10	\$ 44,891.00	5	\$ 6,000.00
Total Independent Practitioner Applications	3	\$ 86,040.00	1	\$ 2,500.00
Total for 2018	37	\$ 248,548.50	20	\$ 30,000.00
Totals (since inception)		\$7,627,759.96		\$2,020,213.00