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2017 COETF Annual Awards Program

The COETF was created in 1976 by the members of the Canadian Association of Optometrists to assist programs in research, education and human resources development in the vision and eye care field in Canada.

Through its annual program of Awards, 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 2017, the COETF received a total 41 applications. Of those, 16 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 info.coetf@gmail.com

The COETF Annual Awards Program for 2017 – Results

SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO		
N. Furtado	D. Ho	Evaluation of the Subjective Visual Experience Using Various Methods of Reducing Exposure to High-Energy Visible Light from Digital Devices
C. Hudson	W. Hatch E. Leontieva	Optimization of Retinal Image Analysis to Provide an Objective and Sensitive Surrogate Marker of Neuro-Degenerative Disease
S. Alamri		Visual Function in Post-Concussion Syndrome
W. Bobier	Childrens Vision Committee of EHCO	Inter-professional Guidelines for Vision Training
P. Stirling	Witer Learning Resource Centre	Continuance of "Library Information Resources & Services for Canadian Optometrists"

L. Christian	E. Niechwiej-Szwedo	See Better, Move Better: The Role of Binocular Vision in the Development of Hand-Eye Coordination
A. Stanberry	L. Christian N. Furtado N. Hutchings E. Erving D. Ho	A Model to Improve Access to Eye Care in Underserved Canadian Aboriginal Communities
M. Creese		Light Sensitivity and Glare Sensitivity in Low Vision vs. Normal Populations
V. Labhishetty		Accommodation and Myopia
A. Ng		Investigation of Fluid Intake On Dry Eye Signs and Symptoms
E. Drolle		Nanoscale for Comparison of Meibum from Normal and Meibomian Gland Dysfunction Participants
H. Walther		Development of an In Vitro Model to Stimulate the Layered Tear Film Structure
SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY, MONTRÉAL		
L. Michaud	R. Marcotte-Collard	Contrôle de la progression de la myopie à l'aide d'une lentille cornéenne à design multifocale
C. Faucher	M. Perron RL. Viens	Developing Competence in History-Taking: From Data Collection to Clinical Understanding and Patient Satisfaction
OTHER		
S. Mintz		Oral History of Optometry in Canada
Canadian Association of Optometrists		Environmental Scan of Access Issues for Optometry in Rural and Remote Communities, including Indigenous communities

Institution	Total Applications Received	Total Funding Requested	Total Applications Approved	Total Funding provided
Total Waterloo School of Optometry Applications	29	\$ 159,682.50	12	\$ 24,800.00
Total Montréal École d'Optométrie Applications	6	\$ 21,368.00	2	\$ 4,620.00
Total Independent Practitioner Applications	6	\$ 13,210.00	2	\$ 2,580.00
Total for 2017	41	\$ 194,260.50	16	\$ 32,000.00
Totals (since inception)		\$7,379,211.46		\$1,990,213.00