American Academy of Optometry Announces Student Travel Fellowship Recipients to the 2010 ARVO Meeting

The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) is pleased to announce the student travel fellowship recipients to the 2010 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalalmology (ARVO) meeting. The 10 recipients represent the United States and China.

Sponsored by The Vision Care Institute™, LLC and administered by the American Academy of Optometry's Research Committee, the travel fellowships provide an opportunity for outstanding students in optometry and vision science to attend the meeting and present their paper or poster at the meeting. Each recipient receives a $750 award, which will be given at the jointly sponsored American Academy of Optometry-American Optometric Association Optometric Researchers Reception during the ARVO meeting.

"The student travel fellowship is a highly competitive program that receives applications from the brightest and best students from North America and overseas," said Dr. Lyndon Jones, American Academy of Optometry's Research Committee Chair. "These students present their latest research at ARVO and demonstrate the extremely high quality research being undertaken by young vision scientists around the globe. This program supports future leaders of optometry, by selecting students who have demonstrated the highest level of achievement in the profession and allowing them to share their findings with other researchers."

The recipients of the student travel fellowships and their schools are:

- Wendy Harrison, OD, MS, FAAO - School of Optometry, University of California, Berkeley
- Qiong Liu, MD - University of Houston College of Optometry
- Jessica Mathew, OD - University of Houston College of Optometry
- Nimesh Patel, OD, FAAO - University of Houston College of Optometry
- Joshua Pratt - University of Houston College of Optometry
- Andrew Pucker - The Ohio State University College of Optometry
- Danielle Teel, OD, FAAO - Indiana University School of Optometry
- Preethi Thiagarajan, MSc - State University of New York College of Optometry
- Jing Wang, MD - University of Houston College of Optometry
- Zhangyi Zhong - Indiana University School of Optometry

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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. 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. This year's Annual Meeting of the AAO, Academy 2010 San Francisco, will take place November 17-20, 2010, in San Francisco, CA. For more information, visit the website: http://www.aaopt.org.

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