

Student Fellowship

The Academy offers the Student Fellowship program to encourage students to fully experience the annual meeting, stimulate increased participation in the meeting's events, promote future involvement in the Academy, and persuade students to become Fellows upon graduation.

The program also is a great opportunity for students to acquire new knowledge and exposure to the latest advancements in technology through lectures, workshops, posters and more. It is designed to serve as a guide for students as they develop their skills as an optometric or vision science professional.

Student Fellowship Text Messaging

The Academy supports and informs our student community via text messaging, which is our primary means of quickly communicating with students. Student Fellows can text any questions they may have and receive a response from a member of the Academy's staff. Your texts will be seen only by a staff member.

Send us your questions - text "Student Fellow" to (407) 307-2634.

Be sure to opt in ASAP, so you don't miss any updates.

Eligibility for Academy 2022 San Diego

To be eligible to attend this year's Academy you must:

- Be a current OD student (graduation date 2022 or later)
- Registered for Academy 2022 San Diego
- Not have previously earned Student Fellowship (Should this be a Student Travel Grant or Student Travel Fellowship?)

Residents, PhD students, and graduate students are not eligible to participate

Student Fellowship Requirements

Your Student Fellowship program progress will be managed entirely through the online Student Fellowship submission portal. (Link.) Log in with your Academy member credentials and complete all fields as directed. Review the portal carefully as some fields have multiple components that must be completed in order to receive credit.

Each requirement listed below must be completed as specified. No substitutions are allowed unless otherwise indicated. All items must be noted and logged in the Student Fellowship portal by Friday, December 10.

1. Attend six hours of any general CE lectures of your choosing. This includes courses in the following topic areas: AS, BV, CL, GL, GO, LP, LV, JP, NO, OP, PH, PM, PO, PS, RS, SD, and SP.

2. Attend two of any poster (POS) or paper (P) sessions of your choosing for a minimum of one hour each. Residents Day paper and poster sessions offered on Saturday, November 6 count toward this requirement.
3. Attend one of the following special sessions:
 - SE-01 - Ezell Fellows Present - Wednesday, November 3, from 8 to 10 AM
 - SE-02 - Plenary Session: A Conversation on Racial Bias and its Impact on Healthcare - Wednesday, November 3, from 10 AM to Noon
 - SE-07 - Monroe Hirsch Research Symposium: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Clinical Practice - Thursday, November 4, from 10 AM to Noon
 - SE-08 - Joint AAO/AAOphth Symposium on Glaucoma - Friday, November 5, from 10 AM to Noon
4. Attend one Section or SIG Symposium (SS- courses).
5. Attend the Student and Resident Awards Lunch on Thursday, November 4 from Noon to 1 PM.
6. Attend one hour of the Residency and Graduate Program Fair on Friday, November 5, from Noon to 2 PM.
7. Visit the exhibit hall for one hour. The exhibit hall is open during these hours:
 - Wednesday, November 3, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM
 - Thursday, November 4, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM
 - Friday, November 5, from 9:30 AM to 3 PM



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