Gift of Sight Clinical Research Award

The Gift of Sight Clinical Research Award programme was set up in honour of the 70th birthday of the National Health Service (NHS) in 2018. This initiative was established to support and encourage vision science research into blinding eye diseases.

Promoted by the **University of Southampton Vision Sciences Research** group, this prize will be awarded for the best clinical research submitted to Gift of Sight in the year of the award. The prize is to be used to facilitate attendance at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) annual meeting or equivalent international meeting to present the research.

Eligibility

The awards are open to Clinical Trainee Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, Orthoptists, Vision Scientists and Allied Health Professionals who are in training or working in an NHS Acute Trust within the Wessex Deanery.

Financial support

- Award of up to £1,000. which includes registration and travel costs to the ARVO annual meeting or equivalent international conference to present the findings.
- The monetary value of the prize will be subject to the decision of the judging panel and will be final.

Application Process

Applicants are invited to submit abstracts to the Gift of Sight Clinical Research Award section of the Wessex Regional Ophthalmology Registrars Audit Day. All shortlisted presentations will be judged by a panel during the Research Meeting.

Abstracts should follow ARVO guidelines (https://www.arvo.org) and include the subheadings: Title, Authors and Affiliations, followed by Purpose, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Abstracts should not exceed 2500 characters and spaces.

Please also include your name, position, hospital, preferred address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Send your abstracts as an e-mail attachment (Word document) with the subject line, ***GOS ABSTRACT*** to: Helena.Lee@soton.ac.uk to arrive no later than 30 November. The Registrars Audit Day usually takes place the following January.

Receipt of abstracts will be promptly acknowledged. Successful abstracts will be published on the Gift of Sight website. (www.giftofsight.org.uk/gift-sight-clinical-research-award)

Deadline

The closing date for submissions is 5pm on 30th November (or the last weekday of this month).