
The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences is pleased to provide information on the following awards:

- ALBERTA ODD FELLOW REBEKAH VISION SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD
- HELEN COLBURN SCHOLARSHIP
- EDWIN ISAAC CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP
- DR. JACK ROOTMAN HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD
- ACCESS, BELONGING, AND COMMUNITY AWARD
- DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AND VISUAL SCIENCES AWARD IN PRECISION MEDICINE

A **complete application** will be required for each award and this should include the following:

1. A cover letter outlining which award(s) you are applying for, your research background and interest and how you feel your application fits with the criteria for the award.
2. Application form (see last page of this document)
3. A brief description of your research and progress achieved (maximum one page)
4. Updated CV
5. University transcript(s)
6. Support letter preferably from your primary research supervisor (this should be attached to your application or can be sent separately)

Please email an electronic version of your completed application to: ovstrial@ualberta.ca

If you have questions please contact Rita Whitford at 780-492-8869

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 11, 2026

Successful applicants will be notified by: May 1, 2026

ALBERTA ODD FELLOW REBEKAH VISION SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

One Graduate student award: \$1000 for Current Academic Year – 2025/2026

Applications will be accepted from graduate students registered in a full-time master's or doctoral degree program studying and conducting research in the field of vision science.

Selection is based on satisfactory academic achievement, research ability, and contribution to basic and/or clinical vision research. Preference will be given to applicants with research focused on treatment or prevention of age-related vision loss.

HELEN COLBURN SCHOLARSHIP

Residents: One Award for \$500 – Current Academic Year – 2025/2026

***Other Trainee: Undergraduate, Medical Student, Graduate Student, Fellow (Clinical or Research)
- One Award for \$500 for Current Academic Year – 2025/2026***

Applications will be accepted from Residents and other Trainees studying and conducting research into the underlying cause(s) and/or method(s) of cure for eye disease.

Selection is based on satisfactory academic achievement, research ability, and contribution to basic and/or clinical vision research.

EDWIN ISAAC CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP

Residents: One Award for \$500 – Current Academic Year – 2025/2026

Other Trainee: Undergraduate, Medical Student, Graduate Student, Fellow (Clinical or Research)) - One Award for \$500 for Current Academic Year – 2025/2026

Applications will be accepted from Residents and other Trainees studying and conducting research in the field of Ophthalmology and Cancer.

Selection is based on satisfactory academic achievement, research ability, and contribution to basic and/or clinical vision research with a preference given to research that is relevant to ophthalmology and cancer.

DR. JACK ROOTMAN HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

High School Students: One Award for up to \$3000 for Current Academic Year – 2025/2026

Applications will be accepted from High School Students affiliated with a grant holder designated as a faculty member within the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences that is able to hold research grants.

Selection is based on satisfactory academic achievement, research ability, and contribution to basic and interest in Ocular Oncology and/or Orbital Disease. Preference will be given to research aimed at those interested in clinical research.

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY & VISUAL SCIENCES ACCESS, BELONGING, AND COMMUNITY AWARD

Eligible Trainees: Resident, Summer Student, Undergraduate Student, Medical Student, Graduate Student, Fellow (Clinical or Research)

Up to four awards of \$200 each for Current Academic Year – 2025/2026

Category 1 Prize: Up to TWO of the awards are reserved for ophthalmology projects that are focused on equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) or indigenous health that are not secondary analyses of projects not originally EDI of indigenous health focused.

Category 2 Prize: Up to TWO awards will be given to a scholar(s) that identify as Indigenous or Black, on any ophthalmology topic.

For both Category 1 and Category 2 awards, priority will be given to Medical Students, Residents, Fellows and Grad students registered at the University of Alberta. Selection is based on satisfactory academic achievement, research ability, and potential contribution to Indigenous Care and/or Equity Diversity and Inclusion in vision research.

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AND VISUAL SCIENCES AWARD IN PRECISION MEDICINE

Eligible Trainees: Resident, Summer Student, Undergraduate Student, Medical Student, Graduate Student, Fellow (Clinical or Research)

All awarded applicants must be affiliated with a grant holder designated as a faculty member within the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences that is able to hold research grants.

One Award for \$5000 for Current Academic Year – 2025/2026

Applications will be accepted from Residents and others as listed above studying and conducting research in *precision medicine* as it relates to the field of ophthalmology.



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Selection is based on satisfactory academic achievement, research ability, and contribution to basic and/or clinical vision research. Preference will be given to research aimed at **1) Improved diagnostics 2) Targeted therapies or 3) Advances in surgical techniques or instrumentation as related to ophthalmic disease 4) Advances in ocular genetics 5) Advances in artificial intelligence as related to ophthalmic disease.**

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Title	
Name	
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Email Address	
Mobile Number	
Address for correspondence	
Department and Faculty	
Year of Study	
Supervisor(s) name, position, department	
Title of project	

Signature of Applicant

_____ Date _____

Signature of Supervisor

Date _____