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2019 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Student Travel Fellowship Recipients Announced

The American Academy of Optometry is pleased to congratulate the recipients of the 2019 Student Travel Fellowship Awards. The travel fellowships, generously supported by Johnson and Johnson Vision Care Inc., will allow five students to present their research at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) 2019 annual meeting. The 2019 recipients and their respective schools follow.

- Suman Adhikari, BOptom, University of Houston
- Moonjung Choi, MS, Indiana University
- Justin Courson, University of Houston
- Nicole Karson, University of Houston
- Natalie Stepien-Bernabe, University of California, Berkeley

The American Academy of Optometry administers travel fellowships in order to encourage optometry students, optometric residents, and students in eye and vision related graduate programs to attend key national meetings and exchange scientific ideas on research. Fellowships are awarded primarily for accomplishment and potential in optometric research and education and are evaluated by the American Academy of Optometry's Research Committee.

Applications for student travel fellowships for Academy 2019 Orlando and the 3rd World Congress of Optometry, will be available in July 2019. For more information visit <http://www.aaopt.org/students/stf>.

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 through its journal, *Optometry and Vision Science*, and the continuing education presented at its annual meeting. 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. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.aaopt.org>.

The next annual meeting of the Academy will be October 23-27, 2019 in conjunction with the 3rd World Congress of Optometry at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. For more information, visit: <http://www.aaopt.org/2019>.

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