



Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation (PAOF)

Choices for Advanced Training

2011-2012

David & Julianna Pyott Pan-American Retinal Research Fellowship

One (1) scholarship every two (2) years in the amount of \$20,000 per annum is offered biennially (selected odd years) to Latin American candidates. This is an opportunity for a fully-qualified Ophthalmologist from a Latin American country outside Brazil and Mexico, to spend 2 years at the University of California, Irvine, Department of Ophthalmology as an international retina fellow participating in research and clinical work under the supervision of Dr. Baruch Kuppermann, Professor Ophthalmology. Applicants should have completed a residency in Ophthalmology, speak fluent conversational English, and be interested in a career in Retina. David Pyott, the Chairman and CEO of Allergan, Inc., and his wife, Julianna, are personally granting a Retinal Research Fellowship.



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General Information

Deadline for Application

The applicant should be a general ophthalmologist, no more than 2 or 3 years out of his/her residency training program. The **receipt** deadline for the 2011 David & Julianna Pyott Pan-American Retinal Research Fellowship is February 16, 2011. **Return completed applications by EMAIL ONLY to info@pao.org.** Please note that the deadline will be strictly enforced. The Selection Committee will review all applications.

Membership Requirement

Make sure you have verified your membership status with the PAAO Administrative Office. All applicants must be a Member-in-Training (US\$50 per year) of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) at the time of application.

Program Description

The value of the Fellowship is U.S. \$20,000 per annum. This fellowship is anticipated to cover the cost of airline tickets to/from Irvine, local accommodations and most but not necessarily all living, out-of-pocket expenses in California. Costs exceeding \$20,000 per year are to be paid for by the fellow. Additionally, UC Irvine will pay for trips to AAO and ARVO in each of the two years of the fellowship. As a condition of the fellowship, the fellow must return to his/her home country at the end of the fellowship.

The start date is foreseen to be on or before July 1, 2011 (subject to change), to allow for processing by U.S. Visa authorities, UC - Irvine, and accreditation by the California Medical Board. The fellow will spend approximately 80% of their time in research and 20% of their time in clinical work. Completion will be 24 months after the fellowship has started.

Application Qualifications

Qualifications for a successful candidate are as follows:

1. General ophthalmologist, no more than 2 to 3 years out of his/her residency training program
2. Fluent in both written and spoken English.
3. Willing to commit for two years of training.
4. Completion of a recognized ophthalmology residency in Latin America.
5. Established medical and surgical competence.
6. Highly recommended by chairperson and training program director.
7. Commitment to return to Latin America at conclusion of fellowship training program.

Method of Application

All applications and materials must be submitted electronically, preferably in English, by email to info@pao.org. Acceptable file types are: pdf, doc, jpg, tif, gif.

1. Completed application form.
2. CV (two to three pages) including training information (medical degree: where and when; residency: where and when; fellowship(s): where and when), surgical experience (type and number of surgeries performed as both primary surgeon and assistant surgeon), and recent publications.
3. Letter of Interest (one page): personal statement of interest (in English) that explains why you are interested in a career in retina and how this fellowship will help you achieve your goals, and what you want to do after the fellowship.
4. Letter of recommendation from department chair and/or training program director.

Failure to submit all requested materials can result in a delay in review of the application.

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Pan-American Scholarship Policies and Awardee Responsibilities

1. The Awardee is responsible for obtaining the appropriate Exchange Visitor Visa (J-1) and other travel documentation, if applicable.
2. The awardee must fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the hosting institution to the best of his or her ability.
3. The awardee will live under the financial limitations of the grant. The awardee cannot petition the hosting institution for part-time salaried positions, e.g. Emergency Room duty, to supplement the grant income. Salary and the fringe benefits come from the University of California, Irvine.
4. The awardee is responsible for all expenses incurred while in the program, e.g. payment of his or her own housing, food, medical bills, etc. The PAAO assumes no responsibility or liability for the accidental injury or death of the awardee.
5. The awardee is responsible for obtaining and paying for insurance coverage while in the program. Types of insurance needed while in the program may include (but are not limited to): personal medical insurance, malpractice insurance, auto insurance, and renters insurance.
6. The awardee is strongly discouraged from bringing his or her spouse and/or other family members for the duration of the fellowship. If, in the event that the family member must accompany the awardee, the family member cannot interfere in any way in the fellowship or the hosting institution, e.g., finding a job or any other activity with the hosting institution.
7. The awardee understands that his or her name may appear in the PAAO/PAOF newsletters or other promotional material to promote this program for future participants.
8. The awardee is obligated to return to his or her country of origin and to participate in a teaching program and/or charity work for a minimum of six (6) months. The awardee must send the PAAO a letter of verification from the director of the program.
9. All applicants must be or become a Member-in-Training (US\$50 per year) of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology. *Preference will be given to those candidates who are Active Members/Member-in-Training at the time of submission of their application.* Upon completion of the fellowship, the awardee is responsible to become an Active Member of the PAAO.
10. The Awardee assumes entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, defend, and save the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation (PAOF) and the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) and their employees and agents, harmless against all claims, losses and damages to persons or property, governmental charges, or fines and attorney's fees arising out of or caused by the Awardee's participation in any PAAO/PAOF Program.
11. Upon return, the Awardee must remit a report (including pictures) on his or her experience to the Administrative Office.

Contact with Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation Staff

The PAOF welcomes phone calls and or emails from applicants to clarify the PAOF's guidelines and application procedures. However, calls and or emails to discuss the details of pending scholarship applications are strongly discouraged.

Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation
1301 South Bowen Road, Suite 365, Arlington, Texas 76013 USA
Telephone: (817) 275-7553 **Fax:** (817) 275-3961 **Email:** info@pao.org

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Type all Information

PAAO ID: _____ (please contact PAAO Office if you don't know your membership ID number)

Name of Applicant: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name (s)

Degree(s) _____
MD, PhD, etc

Mailing Address: _____

Provide a small passport style photograph attachment to this application.

City: _____ **State/Providence:** _____

Country: _____ **Zip:** _____

Office Phone: () _____ **Fax Number:** () _____

Home Phone: () _____ **Birth Date:** / /
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Email: _____ **Citizenship:** _____

Current Training Program: Complete contact information of the Department Chair or Program Director who is recommending you to for this scholarship.

Program Director/Department Chair: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name(s), Degree(s) (MD, PhD)

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Providence:** _____

Country: _____ **Zip:** _____

Office Phone: () _____ **Fax Number:** () _____

Email: _____ **PAAO ID:** _____

Application Assurance:

- I understand that this is a one-time only fellowship award in the amount of US\$20,000 per annum, supported by David & Juliana Pyott Foundation through a dedicated grant via the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation. I understand that if I have been awarded other scholarships from the Pan-American that I am no eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- I understand that I must be an Active Member or Member-in-Training of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology at the time of this application.
- I understand that I must send a summary report, with photos, at the conclusion of my fellowship. These may be used for the Pan-American's newsletter *Vision Pan-America*. This must be sent to the attention of Dr. Juan Verdaguier, Chair of the PAAO Fellowships Committee. The report must be sent to Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation, 1301 South Bowen Road, Suite 365, Arlington, Texas 76013.
- I am enclosing a current curriculum vitae (CV) with this application form with one (1) photograph (CV includes complete training information, surgical experience, and recent publications)
- I am enclosing letters of recommendation from my Department Chair and/or Program Director.
- I am enclosing a letter (in English) outlining my interest to participate in this program, this letter explains why I am interested in a career in retina and how this fellowship will help me achieve my goals, and what I want to do afterwards.

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Membership in Honorary or Professional Societies, prizes, awards, fellowships, etc.

List of Publications (Omit if Included in CV)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (someone other than the applicant: parent, spouse, etc.)

Last Name (s)		First Name (s)	
Email Address		Relationship to applicant	
Permanent Home Address			
City	State/Province	Zip Code	Country
Telephone (home)	Telephone (work)	Fax number	

AGREEMENT

I have read and accepted the above terms and responsibilities for a Pan-American Scholarship.

(A) I understand that noncompliance will be grounds for termination of the scholarship.

(B) I understand that I am obligated to return to my country of origin and submit a report on my activities during the scholarship stay.

(C) I further understand that I am obligated to become an Active Member or a Member-in-Training of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology prior to beginning the fellowship.

I assume entire responsibility and hereby agree to protect, indemnify, defend, and save the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation (PAOF) and the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) and their employees and agents, harmless against all claims, losses and damages to persons or property, governmental charges, or fines and attorney's fees arising out of or caused by my participation in the Pyott Pan-American Retinal Research Fellowship. In addition, I acknowledge and understand that the PAOF and PAAO do not obtain and maintain insurance and that it is my sole responsibility to obtain medical, malpractice, property, life, and travel insurances as deemed necessary by the fellowship program.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date** _____