

# Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology

## 2023

### Fernando Arévalo Young Ophthalmologist Award

**Purpose:** The purpose of this award is to provide a vehicle for the recognition of outstanding achievement of a young ophthalmologist who is a member of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) and who resides in the Americas, Spain or Portugal.

**Objectives:** The objective of this award is to recognize a Young Ophthalmologist (YO) PAAO member who has demonstrated caring and service in their home community above and beyond what is required or expected; who has demonstrated promise in academics; who has published and presented relatively extensively for his/her age; and who has participated in leadership activities in national and/or subspecialty societies or supranational societies. The award also desires to serve to motivate other young ophthalmologists to serve in similar programs, organizations, and to follow a career in academics.

**Prize:** The 2023 Fernando Arévalo Young Ophthalmologist Award carries a prize award of US\$2,500

#### Contact with Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology Staff

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

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### General Information

#### Deadline for Nomination

The *receipt* deadline for nominations for the Fernando Arévalo Young Ophthalmologist Award is **December 15, 2022**. Upload all nomination materials to <https://www.hightail.com/u/PAAO-PAOF> with “Arevalo YO Award Nomination” in the subject line. **Please note that the deadline will be strictly enforced.** The Selection Committee will review all complete nominations.

#### Program Description

This award in the amount of \$2,500 will be funded and supported by an endowed fund, and shall be given during the Pan-American Congress in the odd years.

The first award was presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology in Cancun, Mexico, in May 2019. The 2023 award will be presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in March 2023. The awardee will be recognized at the Congress Opening Ceremony and give a mini-lecture as part of the Pan-American Congress.

All travel and housing expenses shall be paid by the awardee. All tax liabilities (if any) shall be paid by the awardee, unless otherwise required by law, in which case the taxes will be withheld from the award.

The awardee shall be required to submit to the Pan-American a full report and a copy of the Pan-American Congress presentation.

#### Nomination Qualifications

1. The nominee should be an MD, no more than 40 years of age.
2. The nominee should reside in the Americas, Spain or Portugal;
3. The nominee should be current Active Member of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology at the time of the nomination;
4. The nominee should have demonstrated promise in academics;
5. The nominee should have published/presented relatively extensively at his/her young age;
6. The nominee should have participated in leadership activities at the national and subspecialty society level and/or supranational society level.

**Exclusions:** No self-nominations shall be accepted. Optometrists, corporate employees and family members of PAAO and PAOF Board of Directors may not be nominated for this award.

#### Nomination Materials

All nominations and materials must be submitted electronically, preferably in English, to the PAAO drop box at <https://www.hightail.com/u/PAAO-PAOF> with “Fernando Arévalo Young Ophthalmologist Award Nomination” in the subject line. Acceptable file types are: pdf, doc, jpg, tif, gif.

1. Completed nomination form including a description of the characteristics of the nominee (maximum 500 words);
2. Minimum of three (3) letters of reference;
3. CV in English of the nominee including photo, 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.

Please do not send videos, DVDs, books or published papers, or similar presentations. All submitted materials become property of the Pan-American and cannot be returned. Failure to submit all requested materials can result in a delay in review of the nomination.

#### General Criteria for Selection

The award may be given to individuals who have demonstrated caring and service in their home community above and beyond what is required or expected. Examples of such contributions could include: outreach to low-served populations; focusing on efforts to address health care disparities; initiation of educational programs geared to patients or design of community-based programs which emphasize compassion and quality care.

**Fernando Arévalo Young Ophthalmologist Award Nomination Form**  
Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology

**Receipt Deadline: September 15, 2022**

**Type all Information**

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

**PAAO ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name (s)

**Degree(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
MD, PhD, etc

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Providence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell/Mobile Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

**PAAO ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name (s)

**Degree(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
MD, PhD, etc

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Providence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell/Mobile Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Nominee (maximum 500 words)**

### Nomination materials

I have read the criteria for Fernando Arévalo Young Ophthalmologist Award and am nominating the above described individual.

Enclosed with this nomination form, please find included:

1. Completed nomination form including a description of the characteristics of the nominee (maximum 500 words);
2. Minimum of three (3) letters of reference;
3. CV in English of the nominee including photo, 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.

**Nominator's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or comments, please contact:

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