

Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology / Microsurgical Research Foundation

2023

Troutman-Véronneau Prize

Purpose: The Troutman Véronneau Prize was established in 1993 to recognize the best work submitted by an ophthalmologist under the age of 45, alternating between cornea and strabismus. The winner presents the winning paper at the PAAO congresses. The Troutman-Véronneau Prize has been established by Richard C. Troutman, MD, and Suzanne Véronneau, MD, of the Microsurgical Research Foundation.

Objectives: The 2023 Troutman-Véronneau Prize recognizes the most original, previously unpublished paper on the subject of **Cornea and/or Corneal Refractive Surgery** will be awarded at the opening session of the 35th Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in March 2023. The selected paper will be a featured part of the 35th Pan-American Congress.

Prize: The 2023 Troutman-Véronneau Prize carries a prize award of US \$10,000.00.

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 procedures. However, calls and or emails to discuss the details of pending scholarship/grant/award applications are strongly discouraged.

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Troutman-Véronneau Prize Application Form

Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology
Microsurgical Research Foundation

Receipt Deadline: September 13, 2022

General Information

Deadline for Application

The *receipt* deadline for the Troutman-Véronneau Prize is September 13, 2022. Upload all application materials to <https://www.hightail.com/u/PAAO-PAOF> with “Troutman-Véronneau Prize Application” in the subject line. **Please note that the deadline will be strictly enforced.** The Selection Committee will review all applications.

Program Description

This award in the amount of \$10,000 will be funded and supported by a permanent endowment from the Microsurgical Research Foundation to the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology via its Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation and shall be given during the Pan-American Congress in the odd years.

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.

Application Qualifications

1. Submitting author must be the first author on the manuscript
2. 45 years of age or younger at the time of submission of his/her paper
3. Be a PAAO Active Member (Miembro Titular) at the time of submission
4. Be certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology or by the Ophthalmology Board of his/her respective country, or be Board eligible. If no Board exists, he/she must be a member in good standing with the national ophthalmological society affiliated with the PAAO.

Exclusions: Optometrists and corporate employees may not apply for this award.

Application Materials

All applications and materials must be submitted electronically, preferably in English, to the PAAO drop box at <https://www.hightail.com/u/PAAO-PAOF> with “Troutman-Véronneau Prize Application” in the subject line. Acceptable file types are: pdf, doc.

1. Completed application form and manuscript.
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 applying for this award.
4. Letter of recommendation from department chair and/or project manager.

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 application.

General Criteria for Selection

- The subject matter for the award will alternate between Pediatric Ophthalmology and / or Strabismus (2019), and Cornea and/or Corneal Refractive Surgery (2023).
- The award will be presented to the most original, previously unpublished paper on the subject of Cornea and/or Corneal Refractive Surgery (2023)

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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: _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____

Country: _____ **Zip:** _____

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

Home Phone: () _____ **Cell/Mobile Phone:** () _____

Citizenship: _____ **Birth Date:** ____ / ____ / ____
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Email: _____ **Secondary Email:** _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____

Country: _____ **Zip:** _____

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

Email: _____

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

List of Publications (Omit if Included in CV)

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AGREEMENT

I have read and accepted the above terms for the Troutman-Véronneau Prize. I understand that noncompliance will be grounds for termination of issuance of this award.

I understand that my name and the name of the affiliated institute may appear in the PAAO/PAOF newsletters or other promotional material to promote this program for future participants.

I understand that I must submit a full report and a copy of the Pan-American Congress presentation.

I assume entire responsibility and hereby agree to protect, indemnify, defend, and save the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation (PAOF), the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO), Retina Research Foundation (RRF), their employees and/or 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 this award.

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

Troutman-Véronneau Prize Recipients:

- 2019 – Cristián M. Salgado Alarcón MD (Chile)
- 2017 – Juan Carlos Serna Ojeda MD MSc (Mexico)
- 2015 – María Carolina Ortube MD (Argentina)
- 2013 – Balamurali K. Ambati MD PhD MBA (USA)
- 2011 – Bruna Lana Ducca MD (Brazil)
- 2007 – Vanessa Macedo Batista Fiorelli MD (Brazil)
- 2005 – Rocio Carolina Gutiérrez Colina MD (Venezuela)
- 2003 – Maria Estela Arroyo Yllanes, MD (Mexico)
- 2001 – José A.P. Gomez, MD (Brazil)
- 1999 – Jonathan C. Horton, MD (USA)
- 1997 – Peter J. McDonnell, MD (USA)
- 1995 – William Lavin, MD (USA)
- 1993 – John D. Gottsch, MD (USA)

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Guidelines & Application Form

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The awardee (first author) must be:

- ❖ 45 years of age or younger at the time of submission of his/her paper
- ❖ Be a PAAO Active Member (Miembro Titular) at the time of submission
- ❖ Be certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology or by the Ophthalmology Board of his/her respective country, or be Board eligible. If no Board exists, he/she must be a member in good standing with the national ophthalmological society affiliated with the PAAO.

The candidate must submit the COMPLETE MANUSCRIPT ELECTRONICALLY IN DOCX OR PDF FORMAT, including illustrations and tables. While English is preferred, the manuscript may be submitted in any of the three official languages of the PAAO, English, Spanish or Portuguese. DO NOT indicate the authors' names on the pages of the manuscript.

If selected for the award, the winning author is required to attend the 35th Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to receive the prize at the Opening Ceremony and to present the paper on the scheduled day. The winning author is responsible for his/her own travel, housing arrangements and expenses.

Manuscript Preparation

Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the *American Medical Association Manual of Style* and/or the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals (www.icmje.org).

Manuscripts should begin each component on a new page and be in the following order: (1) title page; (2) structured abstract; (3) text; (4) references; (5) figure legends; (6) tables; and (7) figures.

1. Title Page: Specify the full title; each author's name, highest academic degree or degrees, and affiliation. Indicate the name, mailing address, telephone, fax, and email address of the corresponding author, who will be responsible for all questions about the manuscript.
2. Structured abstract: Provide a structured abstract of 250 words or less with the following four headings: Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusions.
3. Text: Number the pages of the manuscript consecutively, beginning with the title page 1. Place the manuscript title on each page. DO NOT indicate the authors' names on the pages of the manuscript.

4. References: References should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text. Identify references in text, tables, and legends by Arabic numerals in parentheses. References cited only in tables or figure legends should be numbered in accordance with the sequence established by the first identification in the text of the particular table or figure. The titles of journals should be abbreviated according to the style used in Index Medicus.
5. Figure Legends: Type or print out legends for illustrations using double spacing, starting on a separate page, with Arabic numerals corresponding to the illustrations. When symbols, arrows, numbers, or letters are used to identify parts of the illustrations, identify and explain each one clearly in the legend. Explain the internal scale and identify the method of staining in photomicrographs.
6. Tables: Type or print each table with double spacing on a separate sheet of paper. Number tables consecutively in the order of their first citation in the text and supply a brief title for each. Do not use internal horizontal or vertical lines. Give each column a short or abbreviated heading. Authors should place explanatory matter in footnotes, not in the heading. Explain in footnotes all nonstandard abbreviations.
7. Figures: Figures should be numbered consecutively according to the order in which they have been first cited in the text. If a figure has been published, acknowledge the original source and submit written permission from the copyright holder to reproduce the material. Permission is required irrespective of authorship or publisher except for documents in the public domain.

Submission Procedures:

- The applicant must complete the official form with the required manuscript.
- Letters of reference must be sent directly to the Troutman-Véronneau Prize Selection Committee.
- The applicant shall not send videos or similar presentations, books or published papers. All submitted materials become property of the Pan-American and cannot be returned.
- All application materials and supporting letters for the 2023 award must be received no later than September 13, 2022.
- Upload all application materials to <https://www.hightail.com/u/PAAO-PAOF> with "Troutman-Véronneau Prize" in the subject line.

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