

# Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology

## 2023

### Fernando Arévalo Young Ophthalmologist Award

**Purpose:** This award aims 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 shown promise in academics; who has published and presented relatively extensively for their age; and who has participated in leadership activities in national their and subspecialty societies or supranational societies. The award also aims to motivate other young ophthalmologists to serve in similar programs and organizations and 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 or emails from applicants to clarify the PAAO's guidelines and application/nomination procedures. However, calls and 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 deadline for nominations for the Fernando Arévalo Young Ophthalmologist Award is **November 8, 2022. 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 will 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 second 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.

The awardee shall pay all travel and housing expenses. 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 old.
2. The nominee should reside in the Americas, Spain, or Portugal
3. The nominee should be a 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 for their age.
6. The nominee should have participated in leadership activities at the national and subspecialty society level 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 at [pao.org](http://pao.org), preferably in English. Completed nomination form including a description of the characteristics of the nominee (maximum 500 words)

1. Minimum of three (3) letters of reference
2. 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, published papers, or similar presentations. All submitted materials become the property of the Pan-American and cannot be returned. Failure to submit all requested materials can result in a delay in the 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. 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 emphasizing compassion and quality care.