

Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology

2023

Dr. Bronwyn Bateman PAAO Award for Women's Leadership in Ophthalmology and Vision Research

Purpose: The Dr. Bronwyn Bateman PAAO Award for Women's Leadership in Ophthalmology and Vision Research was established in 2020 to recognize a female ophthalmologist from the Americas, Spain, or Portugal as a leader in areas of research, education, clinical care, and organizational, governmental or public health contributions. The Awardee will have been in practice for at least five years following her final training period (fellowship or post-doctoral training). The award was established by J. Bronwyn Bateman, MD of Sacramento, California.

Objectives: The objective of the Award is to recognize female ophthalmologists for their local and international leadership and academic successes, as well as to elevate and support the nominee's career goals. The Award recognizes the impact of women in ophthalmology and related fields within the PAAO. The award recipient will be a featured part of the 35th Pan-American Congress' Opening Ceremony.

Prize: The 2023 Dr. Bronwyn Bateman PAAO Award for Women's Leadership in Ophthalmology and Vision Research carries a prize award of US \$5,000.00.

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 emails to discuss the details of pending scholarship/grant/award applications are strongly discouraged.

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Receipt Deadline: November 8, 2022

General Information

Deadline for Application

The deadline for the Dr. Bronwyn Bateman PAAO Award for Women's Leadership in Ophthalmology and Vision Research is November 8, 2022. **Please note that the deadline will be strictly enforced.** The Selection Committee will review all applications.

Program Description

This award in the amount of \$5,000 will be funded and supported by a permanent endowment from the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation. It shall be given during the Pan-American Congress in the odd years.

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.

Application Qualifications

1. No self-nominations shall be accepted.
2. Be a PAAO Active Member (Miembro Titular) at the time of submission
3. Be certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology or by the Ophthalmology Board of their respective country or be Board eligible. If no Board exists, they 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.

Award Eligibility and Submission Procedures

All applications and materials must be submitted electronically, preferably in English, to the PAAO website. No self-nominations will be accepted.

General Criteria for Selection

1. Nominees for the Award must be from the Americas, Spain, or Portugal and must be a member in good standing of the PAAO.
2. The nominee must be an ophthalmologist and shall have been in practice for at least five years following her final training period (fellowship or post-doctoral training). There is no age limit.
3. The nominator must be an ophthalmologist and a member in good standing of the PAAO and must complete the official nomination form on behalf of the nominee.

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Instructions for the Nominator:

The nominator shall submit the nomination form with the following elements:

1. A narrative description (no more than two pages) of the major accomplishments of the individual's impact within the PAAO and in leadership in her local community, national society, country, and internationally. The narrative description may include, but is not limited to, the individual's accomplishments in the following areas:
 - Creative scholarship
 - Innovations in clinical care
 - Training and Education
 - Fostering or facilitating relationships among national and international ophthalmology societies
 - Public awareness of the importance of eye health and management
 - Provision of services or resources in her country pertaining to vision preservation
 - Research in any area of ophthalmology or public health of the eye
 - Reduction of health disparities, particularly in ophthalmology
 - Advancement of organized ophthalmology
 - Making connections between eye care and overall health.
2. A minimum of three letters of reference
3. An updated CV in English of the nominee, along with a digital photograph; and
4. Copies of two most valued publications by the nominee.
5. On behalf of the nominee, the nominator shall submit the following three additional elements:
 - a) A personal statement by the nominee or her nominator of the nominee's involvement in organized ophthalmology (one paragraph);
 - b) A personal statement by the nominee or her nominator of how the nominee's contributions have impacted the membership of American, Spanish, or Portuguese ophthalmologists in the PAAO or other societies (one paragraph); and
 - c) A personal statement by the nominee of her future goals to promote the development of ophthalmology and related sciences (one paragraph).

The nominator shall not send videos or similar presentations. All submitted materials become the property of the PAAO and PAOF and cannot be returned.