

Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology / Retina Research Foundation

2023

Paul Kayser/RRF Global Award

Purpose: The award was conceived as a vehicle for the recognition of outstanding achievement in visual science, with preference given to the specialized field of research on the retina and vitreous. The purpose of the award is to identify and recognize a vision-science professional whose work in the visual sciences has made a significant new contribution to knowledge about improving vision and prevention of blindness.

Objectives: To identify and recognize leading visual scientists at the forefront of innovative clinical and basic science research in Ophthalmology. The award would also recognize the institution where the research is taking place.

Prize: This award in the amount of \$50,000 will be funded and supported by the Retina Research Foundation (RRF) of Houston, Texas, and shall be given during the Pan-American Congress in the odd years. An honorarium in the amount of \$20,000 shall be presented to the recipient, and \$30,000 shall be awarded to the institution where their research is taking place.

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

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Paul Kayser/RRF Global Award Application Form

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Retina Research Foundation

Receipt Deadline: November 8, 2022

General Information

Deadline for Application

The *receipt* deadline for the Paul Kayser/RRF Global Award is **November 8, 2022**. You must apply online at paa.org. **Please note that the deadline will be strictly enforced.** The Selection Committee will review all applications.

Program Description

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Research grant money cannot be used for the principal investigator's salary, travel expenses, books, computers, indirect costs, or publications-related expenses. 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 and the Retina Research Foundation a full report and a copy of the Pan-American Congress presentation.

Application Qualifications

1. The applicant should be an MD or Ph.D. with a focus on research in the visual sciences.
2. The applicant should be between 35 to 65 years of age.
3. The applicant should be an Active Member of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology.

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

Application Materials

All applications and materials must be submitted electronically, preferably in English, at paa.org. All files need to be in PDF format.

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 the department chair or project manager.

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 application.

General Criteria for Selection

The award may be given to individuals who have made contributions in any one of the realms listed below:

- Developed new techniques accepted worldwide
- Discovery or evolution of new technology
- A new treatment modality
- Discovery of the etiology of a disease state
- Establishing new standards of quality of life due to innovation in ophthalmic care.
- Breakthroughs in new approaches in genetic research, such as biological products, stem cells, genomics, and genetic therapies.
- Collaborative multi-centered research breakthroughs.

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The 2023 Paul Kayser/RRF Global Award carries a prize of \$50,000, funded by a permanent endowment from the Retina Research Foundation for the most **original, previously unpublished paper** in recognition of outstanding achievement in visual science with preference given in the specialized field of research on the retina and vitreous.

The purpose of the award is to identify and recognize a vision science professional whose work has made a significant new contribution to knowledge about improving vision and the prevention of blindness. The prize will be awarded at the 35th Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology opening session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 17-20, 2023. The selected paper will be a featured part of the 35th Pan-American Congress.

The awardee (first author) must be:

- ❖ Between 35-65 years of age at the time of submission of their paper;
- ❖ An MD or Ph.D. who is affiliated with an accredited institution;
- ❖ An Active Member of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology.

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 their travel, housing arrangements, and expenses.

Manuscript Preparation

Manuscripts should be prepared following the *American Medical Association Manual of Style* 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, and 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.
- The applicant shall not send videos or similar presentations, books, or published papers. All submitted materials become the 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 November 8, 2022, through the PAAO website.

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