

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**Objectives:** The 2023 Troutman-Véronneau Prize recognizes the most original, previously unpublished paper on the subject of **Cornea or Corneal Refractive Surgery** will be awarded at the opening session of the 35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

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**Receipt Deadline: November 8, 2022**

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### **General Information**

#### **Deadline for Application**

The *receipt* deadline for the Troutman-Véronneau Prize is November 8, 2022. The application is on the PAAO website at <https://pao.org/meetings/troutman-veronneau-prize-application/>. **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.

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. Submitting author must be the first author on the manuscript
2. 45 years of age or younger at the time of submission of their 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 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.

#### **Application Materials**

All applications and materials must be submitted electronically, preferably in English, to the PAAO website.

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- The award will be presented to the most original, previously unpublished paper on the subject of Cornea or Corneal Refractive Surgery (2023)

Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology  
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*Troutman Véronneau Prize*  
*Guidelines*

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The 2023 Troutman-Véronneau Prize of US \$10,000.00, funded by a permanent endowment from the Microsurgical Research Foundation to the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation for the most original, previously unpublished paper on the subject of Cornea or Corneal Refractive Surgery (2023) will be awarded at the opening session of the 35th Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology 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:

- ❖ 45 years of age or younger at the time of submission of their paper
- ❖ Be a PAAO Active Member (Miembro Titular) at the time of submission
- ❖ Be certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology or 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.

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 35<sup>th</sup> 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 own travel, housing arrangements, and expenses.

#### Manuscript Preparation

Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the *American Medical Association Manual of Style* or the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals ([www.icmje.org](http://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, 2023.

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