



Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators

RE: Harue J. Marsden New Educator Travel Award

In 2017, the AOCLE membership voted to establish the Harue J. Marsden New Educator Travel Award at the annual meeting. Dr. Marsden had passed away earlier that year after a long battle with cancer. She was a Professor and Associate Dean of Clinical Education at the Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO) at Marshall B. Ketchum University in Fullerton, California. Dr. Marsden was a contact lens educator and devoted member of the AOCLE, and the association wanted to honor her contribution to the AOCLE and profession by inviting a new contact lens educator to attend their first AOCLE workshop. This opportunity would help a novice CL educator, who otherwise would not be able to attend, network with other educators from all the North American schools and colleges of optometry.

To honor Dr. Harue Marsden, AOCLE funds the travel and expenses of a new contact lens educator to attend the annual AOCLE meeting and workshop.

Eligibility: The new educator must have a significant role in the contact lens program at the affiliated school or college of optometry and have not attended an AOCLE workshop previously. There should be no more than one application per school or college.

Application: Nominations of no more than one page outlining his/her qualifications and contribution to contact lens education (didactic/laboratory/clinic) at your institution should be submitted by the contact lens clinic chief from that person's school or college.

Deadline: All information must be received by March 1 and should be submitted electronically to the AOCLE Chair.

Judging: All applications will be reviewed by the AOCLE Executive Committee. Recipients will be notified soon after the AOCLE mid-year planning meeting in April.

Travel Award: The recipient will be invited to that year's annual workshop and their travel, accommodation and workshop experience will be covered by the travel grant. The recipient is expected to attend the entire meeting.

Report: A brief paragraph detailing their experience is expected from the recipient and may be posted in a future AOCLE newsletter and/or on the AOCLE website.