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Apply now for IACLE Awards in our 40th Anniversary Year



Seven contact lens educators from around the world will have the opportunity to enhance their careers this year, as winners of the 2019 IACLE Awards.

The **IACLE Travel Awards** are **bursaries of up to US\$3,000** enabling Educator Members to attend major international conferences worldwide. The IACLE Travel Awards are supported by all the sponsors of IACLE (Alcon, CooperVision, Johnson & Johnson Vision, Bausch + Lomb and Euclid).

To mark our 40th Anniversary, this year there will be four IACLE Travel Awards. Recipients will each attend one of the following events:

- Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators' Annual Workshop (one award, supported by AOCLE), Portland, Oregon, USA, 30 May-2 June
- British Contact Lens Association Clinical Conference, Manchester, UK, 30 May-1 June
- Asia Pacific Optometric Congress, Manila, Philippines, 17-20 June
- FEDOPTO Congress, Bogotá, Colombia, 8-10 August.

IACLE is also offering educators the chance to become **2019 IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year**. These awards will be presented to three individuals, one from each of IACLE's three global regions: Americas, Asia Pacific and Europe / Africa – Middle East.

The Educator Awards recognise and reward achievements in contact lens education worldwide, and are **sponsored by CooperVision**. The winners will each receive a **bursary of up to US\$3,000** towards the cost of attending one of the following meetings:

- British Contact Lens Association Clinical Conference, Manchester, UK, 30 May-1 June
- Academy 2019, Orlando, Florida, USA, 23-28 October.

Winners also receive the title 2019 IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year for their region and publicity in IACLE communications and wider media.

The IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards are **open to all IACLE members** from any country, with preference given to members who are active FIACLEs (Fellows of IACLE) or have attempted the IACLE Fellowship Exam.

IACLE President **Dr Shehzad Naroo** encouraged all members to consider entering the 2019 Travel and Educator Awards. 'This year we'll be offering a total of seven IACLE Awards – more than ever before – thanks to the generous support of our sponsors. These awards have the potential to provide life-changing opportunities for the winners.'



IACLE member **Eman Alzghuol** was teaching practical aspects of contact lenses to 4th-year students at Jordan University of Science and Technology when she won an IACLE Travel Award in 2016. Eman has since gone on to study for a Master's degree at the University of New South Wales in Australia. 'IACLE has made a unique change to my career and my life as well,' she says. 'The award allowed me to attend the American Academy of Optometry meeting and this opportunity opened my eyes to new technology and

innovation in the contact lens field. This gave me the enthusiasm to carry out postgraduate study and broaden my knowledge, and it enhanced my confidence while teaching and practising contact lenses.

'Winning the IACLE Travel Award was one of the important events in my life - it was a day to remember forever,' says Eman.

The deadline for entries for the 2019 awards is **midnight (EST) on Thursday 31 January 2019**. Visit www.iacle.org (Awards) for full details on how to enter and application forms. Applicants can either nominate themselves or be nominated by their IACLE Regional / National Coordinator, by an IACLE member / Fellow, or by IACLE staff.

Click [here](#) to apply for a 2019 IACLE Travel Award and read what previous recipients say about their experiences

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