

Apply now for the 2018 IACLE Awards



Six contact lens educators from around the world will be attending major meetings in the US city of San Antonio, Texas, this year, as winners of the 2018 IACLE Awards.

The **IACLE Travel Awards**, offered for the first time in 2013, are **bursaries of up to US\$3,000** enabling IACLE Educator Members to attend international meetings. The IACLE Travel Awards are supported by all the sponsors of IACLE (Alcon, CooperVision, Johnson & Johnson Vision, Bausch + Lomb and Euclid).



This year there will be three IACLE Travel Awards and recipients will attend either the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry, **Academy 2018**, (one award) in November 2018 in San Antonio, or the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators' **AOCLE Annual Workshop** (two awards) which is also taking place in San Antonio, in Spring 2018. The latter awards are additionally supported by the AOCLE.

Academy 2018 will be held at the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center from 7-10 November. The AOCLE meeting – sharing new teaching modalities in the field of cornea and contact lenses – runs at the University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry from 31 May - 3 June 2018.

IACLE is also offering educators the chance to become **IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year** and travel to Academy 2018. IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year will be awarded to three individuals, one from each of IACLE's three global regions:

- Asia Pacific
- Europe / Africa – Middle East
- Americas

These 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 Academy 2018 and permission to use the title 2018 IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year for their region.

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 IACLE members to consider entering the 2018 awards. 'This year we'll be offering a total of six IACLE Awards and the opportunity for members to attend two major meetings in North America. We are grateful to all our sponsors for their support, to CooperVision for continuing to sponsor the Educator Awards, and to AOCLE for supporting two Travel Awards.'

The deadline for entries for the 2018 awards is **midnight (EST) on Wednesday 31 January 2018**. 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 find out more about the IACLE Travel Awards and what previous recipients say about their experiences

Click [here](#) for full details of the IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards

Find more details of Academy 2018 [here](#) and the AOCLE Annual Workshop [here](#).