

CANADIAN OPTOMETRIC EDUCATION TRUST FUND 1982 AWARDS TOTAL \$60,000!

1982 was an unprecedented year for applications to the COETF. With the spring publication of the news that nearly \$60,000 was to be awarded this year, applications for over \$300,000 of worthy research and study projects were received.

The task faced by the Trustees at their June Awards Meeting in Boston was a difficult combination of the pleasure of having so many quality proposals from which to select, tempered by the awareness that, however beneficial, some would have to be turned down.

For 1982, the COETF Trustees are pleased to extend the following awards to these research and development projects:

Doctoral Study Program

To pursue a Ph.D. in photorefraction research under Dr. Oliver J. Braddick at the Psychological Laboratory, Cambridge University, London, England, Dr. William R. Bobier, son of retiring University of Waterloo School of Optometry Professor Dr. Clair Bobier, will receive \$10,000 per year to a maximum of three years for investigating a recently-developed technique to determine the refractive errors of infants, using photography.

Publication Review and Bibliography

The Canadian Optometrist was the first and oldest publication devoted to Optometry in Canada. \$4,000 is awarded to Dr. E.J. Fisher, retiring Professor of Optometry and Curator of the Optometry Museum at the University of Waterloo, for the purpose of conducting a thorough review and analysis of the journal's contents covering its publication span from 1919-1936, the crucial formative years for our profession. A formal summary and full bibliography will result from this review.

Non-Prescription Ophthalmic Preparations Study

To assist the profession in responding to public questions regarding over-the-counter products for dry eyes etc. \$1,200 is awarded to Dr. William M. Lyle, also retiring this year as a Professor of Optometry, University of Waterloo.

Clinical Equipment

The newly established Optometric Institute of Toronto receives a grant of \$7,500 to acquire and set up the equipment necessary to establish a functional Low Vision Clinic at the Institute's east Toronto location.

Pre-School Vision Screening

To conduct a screening program of some 1,500 Saskatoon pre-school and daycare children under the age of 5, a program including parent workshops and information meetings, the COETF awards \$7,500 to Dr. Cydney Hayes of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Clinical Investigation

To systematically document statistical and photographic evidence of corneal vascularization occurring in soft contact lens patients, particularly those not receiving total and continuing optometric care, \$4,000 is awarded to Dr. John D. Jantzi, of Surrey, B.C.

Clinical Equipment

For the purchase and set-up of a computerized data-acquisition system at the University of Montreal's School of Optometry for the purpose of programming a four-step process of motivational orthoptics training that would focus the attention span of children particularly, in the clinical situation, the COETF awards \$6,950 to Drs. J.E. Letourneau and R. Giroux at the School.

Research for the Visually Handicapped

Dr. Pierre Simonet, of the School of Optometry, University of Montreal, will be conducting research

into the prospects of utilizing or training eccentric viewing to improve the overall visual function of those people with some degree of residual vision. The COETF has awarded \$3,430 to Dr. Simonet for this purpose, to be carried out with the assistance of patients provided by two Montreal Low Vision Institutes.

Study of Visual Indicators of Diabetes

To conduct an evaluation of various visual and ocular functions as early indicators of Diabetes Mellitus in juveniles \$12,583 is awarded to Dr. J.V. Lovasik at the School of Optometry, University of Waterloo. The project is expected to yield a good deal of new knowledge on the relevance and nature of diabetes' effects on several visual functions.

Clinical Research

Working with a research assistant through the summer, Dr. T.D. Williams of the School of Optometry, University of Waterloo, will be undertaking to establish age-related norms for the area of perimetric visual field. The method, which will be made available to practitioners, will establish useful working norms for the range of visual field data for as wide a range of age groups as possible. The COETF has awarded \$2,250 for this purpose.

In one year, the Trust Fund has almost tripled its awards program. The Trustees were unanimous in their agreement that this year's projects represent an immediate and lasting benefit not only to our profession, but also to the public requiring primary vision care.

The profession, however, must continue to support the Trust Fund, for only through such support can programs like these be regularly carried out. Pledge now, with a self-supporting grant!

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COETF TARGET — \$3,000,000

BASED ON AVERAGE \$2,215 pledge per member

Target Percentage Achieved July 30/82

B.C.		36.3%	\$409,896.
Alta.		35%	409,896.
Sask.		74%	197,192.
Man.		53%	161,742.
Ont.		15%	1,522,151.
N.B.		69%	126,292.
N.S.		38%	99,704.
P.E.I.		16%	13,293.
Nfld.		57%	59,822.
			\$3,000,000

Provincial Performance

	No. of Pledges	Amount Pledged	Amount Received	Per Member Average Pledge
B.C.	70	148,700.00	100,892.00	2124.00
Alta.	49	142,950.00	67,975.00	2917.00
Sask.	54	145,680.00	71,430.00	2697.00
Man.	40	86,180.00	54,780.00	2154.00
Ont.	192	223,030.00	112,760.00	1161.00
N.B.	45	87,150.00	29,732.59	1936.00
N.S.	26	38,220.00	20,720.00	1470.00
P.E.I.	1	2,100.00	2,100.00	2100.00
Nfld.	18	34,050.00	14,450.00	1891.00
	495	\$908,060.00	\$474,839.50	

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