

**McPherson Eye Research Institute
Vision Research Trainee Grant
Grant Application Guidelines**

Funded by the McPherson Eye Research Institute's Cycle for Sight event, two Vision Research Trainee Grants of \$3000 each will be awarded in 2017.

Purpose/rationale:

1. To provide funding for trainees to advance their research
2. To give trainees an opportunity to write a grant application
3. To advance vision research on campus
4. To augment professional development
5. To encourage the next generation of vision scientists

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted only from trainees whose direct principal investigator mentors are members of the McPherson Eye Research Institute at any Wisconsin institution. Trainees invited to submit include graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and medical or veterinary students.

Submission deadline: **April 7, 2017**. Submit grant applications to Gail Stirr: gmstirr@wisc.edu

Application format: Complete application on the form provided using single-spaced text, Arial font no smaller than 11 point, and page margins of 0.5 inches. **Do not exceed two pages for the research proposal – which includes these sections: background /rationale; specific aims; anticipated results; methods; impact/innovation; and budget statement.** A CV or biosketch (two-page maximum) must be submitted with the application form. The form must be signed by both the trainee applicant and his/her principal investigator.

Budget statement:

In a few sentences and included within the two-page proposal limit, represent the best use of funds – up to \$3000 – over a one-year award period. Use can include salary, but not tuition remission. Other possible allocations include equipment, reagents, laboratory animal costs (including RARC fees), or human subjects/Institutional Review Board fees. *Travel can only be included *if critical to conduct of research*. Do not include travel to attend meetings/conferences.

Award restrictions:

A Vision Research Trainee Grant award is non-transferable. Funding is available for use over a one-year period. Award funds cannot be used for tuition remission or for meeting/conference attendance.

Proposal review:

Proposals will be reviewed by the McPherson ERI Research Committee, as well as by a McPherson ERI-member expert in the applicant's field. Review criteria include the quality of the proposal and how the project pursues a promising avenue of vision-related research, as well as clarity/style, significance, approach, innovation/impact, and completeness.

2017 Timeline:

April 7 – Submission deadline

April/May – Review period

June – Grant recipients announced

September – Funding available to grant recipients for one full year
(September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018)