Funding has been made available to support McPherson ERI members during the COVID pandemic. This award is aimed at assisting members in attaining equipment/software/services/etc. that adapt research activities to constraints imposed by the pandemic.

**All applicants must be members of the McPherson ERI located at UW-Madison who have active vision-related research project(s).**

**Applicant and Funding-Request Requirements:**

- Applications will be accepted effective immediately.
- Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis by the McPherson ERI Leadership Committee.
- Amounts up to $500 may be requested (one request per applicant).
- The application period will remain open until designated funds are expended.
- Carryover or transfer of an unused award is not permitted.
- Funds may go toward the future (not-yet-paid-for) purchase of software, software licenses, hardware, a/v equipment, off-site image analysis, online training, etc. We encourage members to contact us to determine whether their request is eligible.
- Ineligible expenses include past purchases, childcare, home office furnishings, remote video monitoring equipment, and conference registration fees (the Office of Vice Chancellor for Graduate Research and Education currently has a program to cover these expenses for faculty, and the Institute offers a similar award for McPherson ERI trainees).

**Please submit your application via email with the following information:**

1. Your name
2. Department
3. Item/service you wish to purchase (please include link if applicable)
4. A paragraph (up to 250 words) discussing how this purchase will advance your research during the pandemic.

Submit questions and completed applications to Chris Lacey via email. (chris.lacey@wisc.edu)