

This November in San Antonio, Texas, at Academy 2018, the ASCO Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) will host two “Ask the Experts” pop-up events for students/graduate students at the ASCO exhibit booth – Booth 1555. In previous years, ASCO’s AAC and the AAO partnered to hold formal panel presentations for students (“Exploring Academic and Research Career Options” and “Charting Your Career in Academic Optometry and Research“). This year’s AAC/Academy joint effort will take on a new, informal feel but will still feature experts from academe and industry who will engage in casual conversations and Q&A time with students.

Students considering a career in academe and research are again the target audience for the jointly sponsored event. The first of the pop-ups will be held Thursday, Nov. 8, during the student focus exhibit hall hours of 10:00 am – 11:30 am. There will be finger food, giveaways, and other surprises, and, of course, an invaluable opportunity for in-depth, one-on-one conversations with distinguished scholars and researchers who are willing to share their career journey and offer advice. The second *Ask the Experts* event will take place at the ASCO booth (1555) on Friday, Nov. 9 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Any student or graduate student interested in gaining insight into optometric research careers and pathways in academia is encouraged to attend.