

ASCO continues to offer a diversity-related mini-grant program, although some changes are taking effect this year. For 2014, the program focuses specifically on the development of a more diverse optometric applicant pool. The grant program's new name — Developing a Diverse Applicant Pool in Optometric Education Mini-Grant Program — reflects the new focus. Schools and colleges of optometry can receive up to \$5,000 in seed money to implement qualified projects/programs.

This year's due date for grant applications has passed, but for future reference the new program guidelines can be found [here](#). Questions can be directed to [Carol Brubaker](#), Manager, Professional Affairs.

This is the tenth year in which ASCO has offered a diversity mini-grant program. Alcon, The Vision Care Institute, LLC, and Luxottica Retail have generously supported the program throughout its existence.