

OptomCAS, the Optometry Centralized Application Service, launched its sixth application cycle (2014-2015) on July 1 with a new and improved look. In addition, new software allows for a more user-friendly feel and easier navigation for applicants. The service enables applicants to schools and colleges of optometry to use a single web-based application and one set of materials to apply to multiple institutions. All 21 ASCO member schools and colleges are participating.

In the previous OptomCAS application cycle (Cycle 5), which ended June 2, there were 2,605 applicants, a 1.3% decrease from the cycle that preceded it. A complete statistical report from Cycle 5 will be available at the end of the year.

For answers to questions about OptomCAS, visit www.optomcas.org or contact Paige Pence, ASCO Director of Student and Residency Affairs, at ppence@opted.org.