

## Participants Report High Satisfaction with ASCO's 2015 Future Faculty Program



*Participants in the 2015 Future Faculty Program and Summer Institute for Faculty Development during a joint session.*

All of the participants in ASCO's third Future Faculty Program (FFP), which was held July 12-14 at the Eric P. Newman Education Center in St. Louis, reported that the program met or exceeded their expectations. Ten graduate students/residents from nine schools and colleges of optometry attended this year's program.

The purpose of the FFP is to provide graduate students and residents with an opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance their success in an optometric academic environment as career-long, productive faculty members. The FFP includes formal presentations, workshops and shared activities in the areas of teaching and learning, academic culture and professional development. Each attendee develops a long-term career plan with specific goals, objectives and action strategies through the mentoring program. Participants also have the opportunity to attend sessions in conjunction with ASCO's Summer Institute for Faculty Development (SIFD), including this year's keynote address ("Finding Your Professional Identity") given by Dr. Elizabeth Hoppe, Founding Dean, Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry.

For more information on the SIFD and FFP, e-mail ASCO's Director of Meetings and Special Interest Groups [LaShawn Sidbury](#), or call her at (301) 231-5944 ext. 3012.



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