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A multidisciplinary team led by Dr. Ava Bittner, Associate Professor at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry, has been awarded a \$10,000 research prize from [Envision](#) to fund a one-year investigation into the efficacy of telerehabilitation. The team will evaluate the use of HIPAA-secure videoconferencing to deliver follow-up low vision services to visually impaired individuals who live in remote areas or otherwise have difficulty getting to a specialist's office.

The winning entry, "Feasibility of Telerehabilitation for Low Vision," was a result of a research proposal development seminar held during the 2015 Envision Conference in Denver. It was selected from multiple entries submitted for Envision's inaugural Research Proposal Competition, an initiative sponsored by the Envision Research Institute. Details about the 2016 Research Proposal Competition will be announced in September.