

ASCO's journal *Optometric Education* invites submission of scholarly papers for inclusion in two future editions of the peer-reviewed journal. Each of the issues will focus on a specific theme.

**► International Optometric Education:
Global Expansion and Transformation
(Deadline to submit papers: March 1, 2017)**

Over the past 20 years, the profession of optometry has undergone dramatic global changes: expanding scope of practice, increasing quality assurance expectations, significant diversification of students, and the accelerating impact of information technology. Underpinning these changes has been the critical role of international optometric education in supporting and catalyzing this transformation. The same global forces that are driving the transformation of the profession are also creating challenges and opportunities for optometric educational institutions. Student, faculty, patient and institutional expectations are converging and greater accountability is expected. This includes such areas as clinical competency, professional ethics, interprofessional collaboration and curricular innovation.

Authors are invited to submit scholarly articles that address this theme and underscore the growing innovation and impact that educational institutions are having on their students, the profession and the communities they serve. We encourage scholarly articles that are translational and promote global dissemination. Please submit manuscripts by March 1, 2017. Submit a cover letter and intact and blind copies of the manuscript with original figures electronically to submissions@opted.org. Please identify in the cover letter that the manuscript is intended for the international theme edition of the journal.

We are pleased to have [Dr. Anthony F. Di Stefano](#), Salus University, serve as the Guest Editor of this issue. For more information, please contact journal Editor [Dr. Aurora Denial](#).

**► Diversity and Cultural and Linguistic Competence
(Deadline to submit papers: Dec. 31, 2016)**

This edition will focus on the theme of diversity and cultural and linguistic competence. It will focus on diversity of our students, faculty and profession and all aspects of cultural and linguistic competence, including professional, organizational and individual responsibility.

Please submit manuscripts by Dec. 31, 2016. Submit a cover letter and intact and blind copies of the manuscript with original figures electronically to submissions@opted.org. Please identify in the cover

letter that the manuscript is intended for the diversity theme edition of the journal.

For additional information on the theme edition, please contact [Dr. Gary Chu](#) or [Dr. Aurora Denial](#).