

## Good News from University of Houston, College of Optometry

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UHCO has been ranked #1 among institutions with the most cited optometry faculty publications in the US and #2 worldwide, according to an analysis of highly cited articles by optometry school faculty and researchers during the 2000-2016 period. The bibliometric analysis was conducted by the NIH & UC Berkeley.

UHCO's own, Laura Pardon, OD, MS, FAAO, is the recipient of the Best Student Scientific Presentations of the 2017 American Academy and Optometry (AAO) annual meeting. Laura's presentation entitled, "Quantification and Localization of Peripapillary Vascular Changes in Optic Disc Edema Using Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography", was selected as the best student science presentation. Laura will be recognized for her efforts at the 2018 AAO meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Rose Y. Reins, PhD, Assistant Professor at The Ocular Surface Institute, UHCO, was the 2017-2018 recipient of the Allergan Research Grant for her project, "Evaluation of Vitamin D Treatment for Dry Eye-induced Ocular Surface Inflammation."

Rachel Redfern, OD, PhD, FAAO, Assistant Professor at The Ocular Surface Institute, UHCO, is the co-investigator on this project. The American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF), in partnership with the Allergan Foundation, grant is highly competitive and awarded to a talented optometrist and/or vision scientist who is an Academy member and is currently undertaking cutting edge research in the areas of glaucoma and/or the anterior segment.

This is the fourth year that the Allergan Foundation has sponsored this generous grant through the AAOF.