

2ND PAO Fellows' Research Paper Contest (FRPC)

Objectives:

1. To increase research output of Philippine Ophthalmology

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts:	4:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 www.paoannualmeeting.com
Deadline for Submission of Final Manuscripts:	4:00 PM, OCTOBER 11, 2019 PAO Secretariat, Makati City
Fellows' Research Paper Contest Proper:	December 8, 2019, Day 3 PAO Annual Convention SMX Convention Center, Pasay City

The **cash prizes** will be as follows:

- 1st prize: P10,000**
- 2nd prize: P7,000**
- 3rd prize: P5,000**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. This contest is open to all PAO members in-training or PAO members who went into ophthalmology fellowship training program in the Philippines.
2. The research paper should be original, with the concept originating from the fellow or from a consultant of the Institute or Department from which the fellow is taking his training program (author or institute initiated).
3. The research paper must not be a part of an international study unless the concept origin, and primary author, is from a local (Philippine) Ophthalmology Institute or Department.
4. Studies initiated by pharmaceutical companies or ophthalmic manufacturers shall not be accepted.
5. Research papers which were already published, submitted or accepted for publication prior to the contest shall be disqualified.
6. IRB approval is required.
7. The research paper must have been done during the author's fellowship in Ophthalmology.
8. The senior (presenting) author must be a fellow at the time of presentation, or a recent graduate (not more than 12 months after completion of fellowship).
9. Papers will be reviewed by the Committee on Research and the judges and the top 3 will be awarded.

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Manuscript Sections

- a. Title Page
- b. Abstract
- c. Introduction

- d. Methods
- e. Results
- f. Discussion
- g. Conclusion
- h. References
- i. Tables
- j. Illustrations (Figures)
- k. Units of Measurement
- i. Abbreviations and Symbols

Manuscript Preparation

1. Preparation of the manuscript shall be based on the “**Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Manuscript Preparation and Submission**” established by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (http://www.icmje.org/manuscript_1prepare.html)
2. The manuscripts must be typewritten, Times New Roman, font size 12, double spaced, in 8.5 X 13 inches legal paper with 1.5 inch margins on each side. Page numbers must be located at the right lower corner of each page (*page x of y*).
3. References are to be properly appended. You may refer to “**Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: References**” (http://www.icmje.org/references_1print.html)
4. Disclosures of funding sources or any conflicts of interest must be mentioned in the manuscript and at the start of the oral presentation (http://www.icmje.org/ethical_4conflicts.html). Please be guided using the ICJME uniform disclosure form (http://www.icmje.org/coi_disclosure.pdf)
5. Authorship and contributorship must be mentioned using guidelines from Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Ethical Considerations in the Conduct and Reporting of Research: Authorship and Contributorship (http://www.icmje.org/ethical_1author.html).
6. For the contest proper, the identity of the authors and institutions (including logos and acronyms) should not be mentioned or included in any part of the manuscript or slides.

MANUSCRIPT AND ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Eight (8) copies of the **manuscript** plus one (1) CD or DVD of the full manuscript (*with minimum of 6 keywords*) should be submitted.

For the FRPC: Four (4) copies of the full manuscript **WITHOUT** the names of the authors & institutions and three (3) copies of the abstract **WITHOUT** the names of authors & institutions.

For the PJO: Four (4) copies of the full manuscript **WITH** the names of the authors and institutions and three (3) copies of the abstract **WITH** the names of authors and institutions.

Signed Copyright Transfer to the Philippine Journal of Ophthalmology (PJO) should be provided, otherwise advised through writing.

A hard copy and CD or DVD will be submitted to the Philippine Journal of Ophthalmology for possible submission for publication. These may be returned for revision. The PJO will also screen the papers for possible publication after the contest has concluded. If the paper is chosen for publication, the author will be notified.

SCREENING

When the final manuscripts are submitted, they will be forwarded to the judges who will score and choose the ***top 3 papers***. **Only papers submitted on or before the deadline shall be accepted.** All papers should satisfy the criteria for acceptance as determined by the screening committee.

BOARD OF JUDGES

The Chairman of the Fellows' Research Paper Contest will appoint 3 Board of Judges. The Board of Judges will be composed of one Head Judge and two members for each category. The Head Judges should be ophthalmologists with a background in research or academics or evidence-based medicine. Members may or may not be ophthalmologists, but should be "scientists" with a background in research or academics.

Accepted manuscripts will undergo pre-judging by the board of judges. The top 7 papers will be chosen for oral presentation during the PAO annual meeting. Authors of the top papers will be informed two weeks before the day of presentation.

Please note that all research paper entries will be required to submit hard copies and a digital copy (CD/DVD) of the manuscript for submission to the PJO for consideration for publication. Please use PJO manuscript guidelines. (Pls. check PAO website for more details.)

GRADING AND AWARDING SYSTEM

The general criteria for judging as follows:

I. Written Report (85%)

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| 1. Literature Review | 5% |
| 2. Significance and Relevance | 10% |
| 3. Statement of Objectives | 5% |
| 4. Methodology: Subjects and Design | 15% (Consider sample size) |
| 5. Presentation of Results (<i>tables, graphs, figures, etc.</i>) | 10% |
| 6. Statistical Analysis | 10% |
| 7. Discussion/Interpretation of Data | 15% |
| 8. Conclusion and Recommendations | 5% |
| 9. Type of study (level of evidence) | 10% |

II. Oral Presentation (15%)

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| 1. Delivery | 5% |
| 2. Slides & Video / Poster | 5% |
| 3. Question and Answer | 5% |

III. Deductions:

1. A 5% deduction will be given to papers whose FRPC manuscripts or slides bear any identities of the authors or institutions (including logos and acronyms).
2. When a presenter goes beyond the allotted time of 8 minutes, a 5% deduction from the total score will be given for every minute over the allotted time.

The Board of Judges shall grade the written report prior to the actual presentation (85%). Oral presentation shall also be judged, including questions and answers (15%). The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be based on the mean ranking of the judges for each category.

Three awards will be given. The first placers will have their names & institutions engraved on the PAO Fellows' Research Cup.

The decision of the Board of Judges is final.

GUIDELINES FOR FRPC ORAL PRESENTATION

The time limit for all entries to the Fellows' Research Paper Contest is **eight (8) minutes, with four (4) minutes for question and answer portion (Q&A)**. Names of Authors and Institutions must not appear in the LCD, slide, or video presentations.

Facilities for single LCD projection will be available. Preferably, your presentation should be loaded in the PAO laptop before the start of the contest. Personal laptops or notebook computers may be used although not encouraged as this may cause delays. For personal laptops, presenters will hook up their laptops to the LCD during the Q&A session of the previous presenter so as to minimize delays.

Participants must be present 1 hour prior to the start of the program to load their presentations or test their equipment hook ups.