

# Victorian Optometrists Training and Education (VOTE) Trust

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION GRANTS 2016

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCEFUL APPLICANTS 2016

#### APPLICATION FOR GRANTS 2016

Six applications were received for a 2016 Victorian Optometrists Training and Education (VOTE) Trust grant by close of applications on 16 September 2016.

The Grants Advisory Committee was pleased with the level of interest demonstrated by the number and diversity of applications. Five different organisations/individuals from two states were represented across the six applications received.

The income available for distribution by the Trustees was over \$10,618 for 2016-2017.

The total funds distributed by the Trustees since establishment in 2010 is near to \$98,000.

#### SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS 2016

Two projects have been awarded VOTE grants for 2016-2017.

Considerations when providing optometric care for Muslim patients
Dr David Hammond <b>Deakin University</b> Jane Duffy, Deakin University; Khyber Alam, Optometrist in private practice <b>\$4,325</b>
Online e-learning resources for optometrist designed to enhance cultural awareness and understanding of the cultural needs of Muslim patients to improve health care outcomes.

Supporting optometry to translate research into practice
Dr Michael Pianta <b>The University of Melbourne</b> Dr Laura Downie, The University of Melbourne <b>\$6,293</b>
This project aims to support practitioners in critical appraisal, and in the use of a new interactive system that allows them to easily keep up to date with recent research. The system assists optometrists with interpreting the methodological quality of research studies, and helps them identify high quality research that they can apply in their clinical practice.