

Victorian Optometrists Training and Education (VOTE) Trust

TRAINING AND EDUCATION GRANTS 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS 2015

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS 2015

Nine applications were received for a 2015 Victorian Optometrists Training and Education (VOTE) Trust grant by close of applications on 20 September 2015.

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

The income available for distribution by the Trustees was over \$17,555 for 2015-2016.

The total funds distributed by the Trustees since establishment in 2011 is over \$87,000.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS 2015

Two projects have been awarded VOTE grants for 2015-2016.

Impact of Supervised Student Consultations on Patient Satisfaction
A/Prof Sharon Bentley Australian College of Optometry Jane Trevaskis, Australian College of Optometry; A/Prof Craig Woods, Deakin University; A/Prof Daryl Guest, The University of Melbourne; Kathleen Watt, University of New South Wales \$10,000
A survey to ascertain the impact of supervised student consultations on patient acceptance and satisfaction in a public health eye clinic.

The Treatment- Ready, Research-Ready Eye Clinic (TRRRiC)
Dr Lauren Ayton Centre for Eye Research Australia Professor Robyn Guymer, Centre for Eye Research Australia; Professor Allison McKendrick, The University of Melbourne \$7,555
The Treatment-Ready, Research-Ready Eye Clinic is a world first initiative to combine undergraduate optometry teaching with innovative research and best-practice clinical management of people with age related macular degeneration (AMD). The TRRRiC is a multi-disciplinary effort (Ophthalmology and Optometry), which is being led by Professor Robyn Guymer, a world-leading medical retina expert. The funds will support a six-month trial of this clinic.