

Residency Program Funding and Promotion Survey

Academic Year 2016-2017

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SUMMARY

RESIDENCY PROGRAM FUNDING & PROMOTION SURVEY 2016-2017 Academic Year

ASCO's 2016-2017 Residency Program Funding and Promotion Survey was conducted in January 2018. Data was collected from 19 schools and colleges of optometry in the 50 states and Puerto Rico and from 2 in Canada. Four additional U.S. member schools did not have residency programs in 2016-17 and did not participate in the survey. The Residency Program Funding and Promotion Survey is a biennial survey which was last conducted in 2014-15.

A total of 442 residency slots affiliated with U.S. schools were reported, a 13% increase since 2014-15 (when there were 392 slots), and an increase of 78% since 2006-07 (when there were 249 slots). In 2016-17 there were 7 additional slots affiliated with Canadian schools.

Of the 442 slots, 47% are Veterans Administration (VA) residencies funded by the VA. Twenty-eight percent are residencies in external (non-VA) institutions and are funded externally, and 19% are residencies in the clinics of the schools/colleges that are funded by the school/college. The remaining slots are residencies in the school/college clinics funded by both the school/college and an external institution (3%), in the school/college and funded externally (2%), at non-VA external institutions and funded by the U.S. military (1%) and at a non-VA external institution funded by both the school/college and by the external institution (less than 1%).

There were no residencies reported in the following categories: residencies in the clinics of the school/college that are funded by the US military, residencies in non-VA external institutions funded by the school/college, and VA residencies funded by the school/college or school/college and the VA.

For U.S. residency programs funded by optometry schools, stipends ranged from \$30,000 to \$41,600; the average for all schools was \$36,691, a 5% increase from two years ago. (Each school is weighted equally regardless of the number of residency slots.) Stipends for externally-funded programs ranged from \$16,848 to \$64,228, and stipends funded by the V.A. ranged from \$31,965 to \$38,010. Averages are not available for the latter two categories.

Residents at 6 of the 21 participating U.S. and Canadian schools carry faculty or adjunct faculty rank, at 18 schools are considered to be employees, and at 13 schools are considered to be alumni.

All 21 schools provide fringe benefits to residents, with all providing health and malpractice insurance and 13 providing vacation or personal leave. Twenty out of 21 offer educational benefits, with 18 providing travel/meeting stipends and 8 free or discounted continuing education. Alumni benefits include library/online privileges (5 schools) and alumni events or other on-campus programs (3 schools).

Seventeen schools reported that all of their residency programs are accredited. The remaining four schools had eight programs among them that were unaccredited in 2016-17. One of these programs is now accredited and another has had an ACOE site visit and accreditation is pending. The remaining six unaccredited programs are at Canadian member schools. Three of these programs have ACOE site visits scheduled for spring 2018.

Institutions reported that they promote and/or provide descriptive information on residency opportunities using the following means:

- Institutional website (100%)
- Printed brochure/fact sheet (100%)
- AAO functions/promotion (90%)
- Residency Day/formal presentations to students (90%)
- Electronic brochures/fact sheets (86%)
- AOA/AOSA functions/promotion (76%)
- Publications (43%)
- Social Media (38%)
- Other (33%)

School Abbreviations

Active Members

AZCOPT	Midwestern University – Arizona College of Optometry
CCO	Chicago College of Optometry, Midwestern University
IAUPR	Inter American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry
ICO	Illinois College of Optometry
IUSO	Indiana University, School of Optometry
KYCO	University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Optometry
MCO	Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
MCPHS	MCPHS University, School of Optometry
NECO	New England College of Optometry
NOVA	Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry
NSUOCO	Northeastern State University – Oklahoma College of Optometry
OSU	The Ohio State University, College of Optometry
PUCO	Pacific University, College of Optometry
Salus/PCO	Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry
SCCOMBKU	Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University
SCO	Southern College of Optometry
SUNY	State University of New York, State College of Optometry
UABSO	University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Optometry
UCB	University of California – Berkeley, School of Optometry
UHCO	University of Houston, College of Optometry
UIWRSO	University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry
UMSL	University of Missouri at St. Louis, College of Optometry
WUCO	Western University of Health Sciences, College of Optometry

Associate Members

ÉOUM	University of Montréal, School of Optometry
WOVS	University of Waterloo, School of Optometry & Vision Science

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*Four member schools (CCO, KYCO, MCPHS, WUCO) did not have a residency program during 2016-17 and are not included in this survey.

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***Funding of Residency Slots**

	# of Residency Slots at the School/College Clinic:				# of Residency Slots at an External Institution (non-VA):				# of Residency Slots at a VA Facility			Total # of Residency Slots
	Funded by School/College	Funded by an External Agency or Institution	Funded by Both the School/College & an External Institution	Funded by US Military	Funded by School/College	Funded by the External Institution	Funded by Both the School/College & External Institution	Funded by US Military	Funded by School/College	Funded by the VA	Funded by Both the School/College and the VA	
AZCOPT	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
IAUPR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ICO	7	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	7	0	20
IUSO	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	9	0	19
MCO	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	7	0	13
NECO	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	29	0	37
NOVA	9	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	18	0	37
NSUOCO	5	0	0	0	0	17	0	2	0	9	0	33
OSU	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	5	0	12
PUCO	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	15	0	27
Salus/PCO	10	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	5	0	22
SCCOMBKU	4	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	30	0	49
SCO	6	0	1	0	0	23	0	0	0	23	0	53
SUNY	7	0	10	0	0	5	0	1	0	15	0	38
UABSO	3	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	23
UCB	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	19
UHCO	8	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	6	0	19
UIWRSO	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	7
UMSL	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	12
Active Member Total	84	10	14	0	0	122	1	5	0	206	0	442
ÉOUM	1	0	0	NA	0	2	0	0	NA	NA	NA	3
WOVS	2	0	1	NA	0	1	0	0	NA	NA	NA	4
Associate Member Total	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
GRAND TOTAL	87	10	15	0	0	125	1	5	0	206	0	449

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NA = Not Applicable

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Accreditation

(only schools with unaccredited residency programs during 2016-17 are listed)

School	Are All Residency Programs Accredited?	If program is not accredited:					
		Program Name	First Resident Enrolled	Has ACOE Site Visit Occurred?	If no site visit, has site visit been requested?	If requested, has site visit been scheduled?	If scheduled, date of site visit

Active Members:							
AZCOPT	N	Eye Associates of New Mexico Optometric Residency in Primary Care and Ocular Disease	August 2016	Yes (June 2017)	(Accreditation was awarded in November 2017)		
SUNY	N	Combined Graduate/Residency Program	July 2016	Yes (Nov 2017)			

Associate Members:							
*ÉOUM	N	Contact Lens	June 2016	N	N	N	
		Ocular Health	June 2016	N	N	N	
WOVS	N	Cornea and Contact Lens	1970s	N	Y	Y	4/17-4/18/18
		Ocular Disease	8/2016	N	Y	Y	4/17--4/18/18
		Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy	August 2015	N	Y	Y	4/3-4/4/18
		**Sports Vision and Vision Therapy	August 2016	N	N	N	

*May apply for residency accreditation in approximately two years.

**This residency is being discontinued.

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***Compensation**

School	2016 Stipend Funded by Institution	2016 Range of Stipends Funded by External Agency or Institution	2016 Range of Stipends Funded by VA
AZCOPT	N/A	\$45,000	N/A
IAUPR	N/A	N/A	N/A
ICO	\$39,670	\$34,000- \$50,400	\$31,965- \$35,000
IUSO	\$35,000	\$34,000-\$50,000	\$32,000
MCO	\$31,000	\$31,000-\$33,000	\$31,965-\$32,500
NECO	\$41,576	\$38,000-\$40,000	\$31,965-\$35,230
NOVA	\$38,000	\$31,000-\$35,000	\$31,965-\$33,821
NSUOCO	\$30,000	\$30,000-\$32,000	\$31,965-\$32,018
OSU	\$37,000	\$16,848-\$42,000	\$32,620-\$33,320
PUCO	\$35,000	\$33,000-\$43,000	\$31,965-\$34,233
Salus/PCO	\$40,600	\$33,000-\$36,000	\$31,965-\$34,782
SCCOMBKU	\$41,600	\$30,000-\$64,228	\$31,965-\$35,742
SCO	\$39,584	\$31,000-\$40,000	\$32,018
SUNY	\$38,672	\$38,000-\$38,672	\$36,176
UABSO	\$40,644	\$43,000	\$32,018-\$33,401
UCB	\$32,000	NA	\$31,965-\$38,010
UHCO	\$38,000	\$34,500-\$38,500	\$32,024-\$36,039
UIWRSO	\$33,000	\$36,000	\$31,965
UMSL	\$32,400	\$41,329	\$31,965
**Active Member Total	\$36,691	\$16,848-\$64,228	\$31,965-\$38,010
ÉOUM	CA \$40,000	CA \$40,000	NA
WOVS	CA \$38,000	CA \$38,000	NA
**Associate Member Total	CA \$39,000	CA \$39,000	NA

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**In calculating the average stipend funded by the institution, each school is weighted equally regardless of the number of residency slots.

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***Status and Benefits**

(includes Active and Associate members)

Do residents hold faculty or adjunct faculty rank/status?	Are residents considered to be employees of institution?	Are there fringe benefits associated with the stipend? If so, what are the benefits?	Do residents receive educational benefits? If so, what are those benefits?	Are residents considered to be alumni? If yes, what benefits are extended to residency alumni?
Y = 6 (29%)	Y = 18 (86%)	Yes = 21 (100%)	Y = 20 (95%)	Y = 13 (62%)
N = 15 (71%)	N = 3 (14%)	No = 0 (0%)	No = 1 (5%)	No = 8 (38%)

Health Insurance = 21 (100%)

Travel/Meeting Stipends = 18 (86%)

Library /Online Privileges = 5 (26%)

Malpractice Insurance = 21 (100%)

Free/Discounted Continuing Education = 8 (38%)

Alumni Events or Other On-Campus Programs = 3 (16%)

Vacation/Personal Leave = 13 (62%)

"Yes" indicates that at least some residents at a school have faculty status. At one school, residents hold the title of Clinical Assistant Instructor. At another, residents hold appointments equivalent to post-doctoral fellows.

Several schools noted that benefits vary for those at affiliated programs. Other benefits include administrative leave, paid federal holidays, floating holidays, sick days, life insurance, conference time, continuing education, travel stipend, library privileges, retirement benefits, use of college facilities, college fees paid.

Other benefits include library privileges, professional leave, mobility scholarships

Other benefits include career services, alumni directory, access to fitness center, alumni magazine and e-newsletter, CE discount, completion certificate,

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***Promotion**

School	Website	AAO Functions and Promotion	AOA/AOSA Functions and Promotion	Printed Brochures/Fact Sheets	Electronic Brochures/Fact Sheets	Residency Day/Formal Presentations to Students	Publications	Social Media	Other**
AZCOPT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
IAUPR	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
ICO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
IUSO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
MCO	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
NECO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
NOVA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
NSUOCO	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
OSU	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
PUCO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Salus/PCO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
SCCOMBKU	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
SCO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
SUNY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
UABSO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
UCB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
UHCO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
UIWRSO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
UMSL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Active Member Total	Y = 19 N = 0	Y = 18 N = 1	Y = 16 N = 3	Y = 19 N = 0	Y = 18 N = 1	Y = 17 N = 2	Y = 8 N = 11	Y = 8 N = 11	Y = 6 N = 13
ÉOUM	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
WOVS	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Associate Member Total	Y = 2 N = 0	Y = 1 N = 1	Y = 0 N = 2	Y = 2 N = 0	Y = 0 N = 2	Y = 2 N = 0	Y = 1 N = 1	Y = 0 N = 2	Y = 1 N = 1
GRAND TOTAL	Y = 21 N = 0	Y = 19 N = 2	Y = 16 N = 5	Y = 21 N = 0	Y = 18 N = 3	Y = 19 N = 2	Y = 9 N = 12	Y = 8 N = 13	Y = 7 N = 14

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**Other methods of promotion are ORMatch, webinar, information sessions, internal promotion to students, email to students and through other Heads/Dirs of Residencies.