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**American Academy of Optometry Foundation Announces the
2020 Fredric Rosemore Low Vision Educational Grant Recipient**

ORLANDO, FL (August 25, 2020) The American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF), in collaboration with the Fredric and Marion Rosemore Family Foundation, are pleased to announce the 2020 recipient of the Fredric Rosemore Low Vision Educational Grant.



Nicole Christie Ross, OD, MSc, FAAO, is an Assistant Professor of Optometry in the Department of Specialty & Advanced Care at the New England College of Optometry (NECO). Her team includes Dr. Alexin Malkin, OD, FAAO and Dr. Jeffrey Ho, OD, FAAO.

Dr. Ross and her team state their project, “Use of virtual reality technologies to support student education in patient care through telehealth in the field of low vision rehabilitation,” is intended to improve the quality of life for the visually impaired.

Erik Weissberg, OD, FAAO, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs at the New England College of Optometry said, “NECO is committed to the continued integration of innovation in the use of technology within clinical care and the curriculum, and this worthy project will serve to advance this goal.”

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About the American Academy of Optometry Foundation

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About the American Academy of Optometry

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