



CooperVision Seeks Proposals for 2021 Science and Technology Awards

Global Program Explores New Concepts in Contact Lens Research and Development

SAN RAMON, Calif., May 3, 2021—To drive innovation in the industry through continuous contact lens research and development, CooperVision is now accepting submissions for its 2021 Science and Technology Awards program. The longstanding program fosters partnerships between recipients and CooperVision scientists to explore new dimensions in vision care, with the goal of translating innovative ideas into practical solutions.

“As a leading global manufacturer of contact lenses, CooperVision has brought to market many breakthrough products, but we never stop raising the bar and working for what comes next,” said Francis Erard, CooperVision’s Vice President of Research & Development. “Over the years, our partnerships through the Science and Technology Awards Program have resulted in notable advancements in product design and development. We look forward to seeing what this year’s applicants have in store.”

Since 2014, the program has made grants totaling more than \$2 million to investigate matters such as ocular surface health, contact lens discomfort, contact lens functionality, and retinal response to optical defocus.

In 2021, submissions will be considered for the following subjects:

- New technologies for the prediction, prevention, and treatment of myopia, including understanding the impact of environmental factors and the COVID-19 pandemic on myopia progression, and novel monitoring and tracking methods
- Sustainable materials and technologies for storage and transport of contact lenses and contact lens care solutions
- Contact lens technologies aimed at protecting the eye from common ocular conditions, including age-related changes, dry eye, digital eye strain, and environmental insults, with emphasis on: beneficial ocular health compounds for delivery to the ocular surface; controlled release technologies to improve ocular moisture retention / eye health; wavelength-blocking / color additive technologies; understanding scleral lens benefits for dry eye and allergies; and other medical applications of contact lenses
- Technologies to elevate visual performance with contact lenses, with emphasis on: enhanced night vision; technologies to improve the optical quality of the tear film; and technologies to increase contrast and / or reduce light scatter

Proposals may span proof-of-concept through translational stages and are eligible for two types of awards. The CooperVision Seedling Award is intended for investigation of early-stage concepts for a one-year period, with a maximum grant of \$100,000. The CooperVision Translational Research Award is a two-year grant for substantive projects with funding up to \$400,000. It is intended to incentivize collaboration with CooperVision in new research areas.

CooperVision Science and Technology Awards are open to any researcher with principal investigator (PI) status holding an OD, MD, PhD or equivalent degree. Applicants such as



postdoctoral fellows with a waiver of PI status must submit appropriate documentation before funding can be disbursed.

Interested applicants must submit a letter of intent before June 25, 2021. If a letter is accepted, an applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal. Additional information and the online application are available at www.coopervision.com/about-us/science-and-technology-awards.

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About CooperVision

CooperVision, a division of CooperCompanies (NYSE:COO), is one of the world's leading manufacturers of contact lenses. The company produces a full array of daily disposable, two-week and monthly soft contact lenses that feature advanced materials and optics, and premium rigid gas permeable lenses for orthokeratology and scleral designs. CooperVision has a strong heritage of addressing the toughest vision challenges such as astigmatism, presbyopia, childhood myopia, and highly irregular corneas; and offers the most complete portfolio of spherical, toric and multifocal products available. Through a combination of innovative products and focused practitioner support, the company brings a refreshing perspective to the marketplace, creating real advantages for customers and wearers. For more information, visit www.coopervision.com.

About CooperCompanies

CooperCompanies ("Cooper") is a global medical device company publicly traded on the NYSE (NYSE:COO). Cooper operates through two business units, CooperVision and CooperSurgical. CooperVision brings a refreshing perspective on vision care with a commitment to developing a wide range of high-quality products for contact lens wearers and providing focused practitioner support. CooperSurgical is committed to advancing the health of women, babies and families with its diversified portfolio of products and services focusing on medical devices and fertility & genomics. Headquartered in San Ramon, Calif., Cooper has a workforce of more than 12,000 with products sold in over 100 countries. For more information, please visit www.coopercos.com.