Dear Applicant,

The Bascom Palmer Eye Institute offers funded opportunities to spark interest in ophthalmology among those who are financially disadvantaged or those who identify as under-represented in medicine. This is in line with our goals of increasing diversity in the field of ophthalmology while also mentoring students for successful careers in ophthalmology. Selected students will participate in a 4-week elective in ophthalmology, during which they will be exposed to the vast Bascom Palmer network of faculty while also gaining access to the vast educational resources offered by Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

Program requirements are listed below:

* Active Enrollment in an accredited medical school as full-time student.
* Applications from those who are financially disadvantaged (participating in the AAMC Fee Assistance Program) and/or under-represented in medicine (defined as: Black (African/ African American), Latino/Hispanic (Mexican American, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Central American, South American), Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, or LGBTQ+) are highly encouraged.
* Successfully completion/submission of the requirements for the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine through the Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) portal.

The program director will review all completed applications (including all requested supporting documents and identification of a date range for the elective experience with the course coordinator). Once selected, the student must proceed to apply through the VSLO portal for the ophthalmology elective MDR860.

Upon arrival, the scholar will be oriented to the institute by our faculty and actively participate in the elective rotation. The scholar will also be paired with a faculty mentor who will meet weekly with them. The scholar should be prepared for an exciting exposure to our vast Bascom Palmer network of faculty and wide range of medical and surgical pathology, while also gaining access to the expansive educational resources offered by Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

Thank you very much for your interest in the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. We look forward to having you join us!

Sincerely,

Chris Alabiad, MD Angela Y. Zhu, M.D.

Residency Program Director Director of Ophthalmology Medical Student Education

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## Bascom Palmer Visiting Medical Student Scholarship in Ophthalmology

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: First Name: Middle Initial:

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Month Day Year

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Language(s) spoken: E-mail Address:

Telephone: Fax: (please include country code, city code)

### EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Medical School: Expected Graduation Year:

### STUDENT PREFERENCES - OPTIONAL

Area of Interest: □Cornea □Glaucoma □Neuro-Ophthalmology □Oculoplastics

□Pathology □Pediatrics □Retina

**Please provide preferred date ranges for our visit**

1. to
2. to

### Required Attachments:

* + Curriculum vitae
	+ Personal statement: describe your path to ophthalmology, career aspirations in this field, and how you envision this program helping you
	+ If applicable, proof of eligibility to the AAMC Fee Assistance Program (eg. Approval Email)

\*Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and University of Miami requires 3 months to process this application.