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Dear Doctor,

The Eye Foundation of Canada is a non-profit organization with the mission of encouraging and supporting research, public education and medical education in ophthalmology.

One of our ongoing commitments is the summer scholarship program. Every summer, we award one or more medical students, who have just completed their first or second year of medical school, with an \$8,000.00 scholarship to spend their summer furthering their education in ophthalmic medicine, surgery and research.

The program consists of education and research experience in the diagnosis and management of eye disease. It is conducted at the Eye Associates and Humber River Regional Hospital in Toronto, with portions at various University of Toronto teaching hospitals, encompassing all subspecialty areas in ophthalmology. Each student will become involved in at least one research project that is supported by the Foundation.

Past summer scholars, about 85% of whom have gone onto careers in Ophthalmology include:

1. T. Mark Johnson (UWO, London)	1991	18. Clara Chan (Queen's, Kingston)	2003
2. T. Mark Johnson (UWO, London)	1992	19. Azien Safarpour (U of Ottawa)	2004
3. Iqbal Ahmed (U of T, Toronto)	1993	20. Sylvia Chen (McGill, Montreal)	2004
4. Michael Mills (UWO, London)	1994	21. Keyvan Koushan (U of T, Toronto)	2005
5. Rose Bilotta (U of T, Toronto)	1995	22. William Dubinski (Queen's, Kingston)	2005
6. Kevin Leung (U of T, Toronto)	1995	23. Steven Schendel (U of Alberta)	2006
7. Joseph Ma (U of T, Toronto)	1996	24. King Chow (UWO, London)	2006
8. Mark Chandra (Queen's, Kingston)	1997	25. Dominik Podbielski (U of T, Toronto)	2007
9. Garrett Kovarik (U of Ottawa)	1997	26. Silvia Odorcic (U of T, Toronto)	2007
10. Hani Hadi (U of T, Toronto)	1998	27. Alec Yarascavitch (McMaster, Hamilton)	2008
11. Hyoung Lho (U of T, Toronto)	1998	28. Matthew R. Lincoln (U of T, Toronto)	2008
12. Sanraj Bassi (U of Saskatchewan)	2000	29. Kim Le (U of T, Toronto)	2009
13. David Albani (Queen's, Kingston)	2000	30. Paul Bastianelli (McGill, Montreal)	2009
14. Edward Wong (UWO, London)	2001	31. Syed Yaser Habeeb (Queen's, Kingston)	2010
15. Jason D. Blair (Queen's, Kingston)	2002	32. Jonathan Micieli (McGill, Montreal)	2010
16. Yi Ning Strube (Queen's, Kingston)	2002		
17. Kamrouz Kassari (U of Manitoba)	2003		

We are currently accepting applicants for the summer of 2011, and I would like to respectfully request your assistance by posting this letter, and advertising the scholarship among your medical students. We prefer students who intend to pursue a career in ophthalmology, as the majority of our past students have. We ask that the applicants write to us at the Eye Foundation of Canada address below expressing their interest, and including their Curriculum Vitae, and the dates of their availability for the summer of 2011. Our deadline for application submissions is **February 7, 2011**. We expect that prospective students would be available for at least 8-10 weeks during the summer of 2011.

I would like to thank you very much for your assistance in this project.

Sincerely,


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