

Canadian Ophthalmological Society Foundation Resident Award 2026

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The Canadian Ophthalmological Society Foundation (COSF) is pleased to launch the **COSF Resident Award 2026**, established to support a Canadian ophthalmology resident in undertaking a two-week observership at an international centre of excellence providing eye care to underserved populations. The award offers financial support of **up to CAD \$6,000** to assist with travel and related expenses.

For this year, we are proud to partner with two globally renowned institutions in **India**: the **Aravind Eye Hospital** and the **LV Prasad Eye Institute**. Both institutions, internationally recognized for their excellence in ophthalmic care and innovation, have graciously agreed to host the award recipient for the duration of the observership.

We hope that the resident will gain valuable insights and innovative perspectives on delivering high-quality eye care services, particularly in settings that serve large patient populations with limited resources. It is our hope that these experiences will not only enrich their professional journey but also inspire new approaches that they can bring back and integrate into their future clinical practice in Canada.

Eligibility

This award is open to all ophthalmology residents currently enrolled in a Canadian residency program.

Award Timeline

- **Application Deadline:** March 10, 2026
- **Interviews:** April 2026
- **Award Announcement:** June 2026 at the COS Annual Meeting (Montreal)
- **Observership Completion:** Within 12 months of receiving the award
- **Recipient Presentation:** June 2027 at the COS Annual Meeting & Exhibition

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

1. **Curriculum Vitae**
2. **Letter of Intent (maximum 1,000 words)** outlining your reasons for applying for the award, detailing your qualifications and merit, describing your learning objectives, and explaining how the experience will contribute to your future clinical practice in Canada.
3. **Completed Online Application Form**

A selection committee will review all applications and invite shortlisted applicants for a virtual interview.

Recipient Responsibilities

The successful applicant must:

- Attend the COS Annual Meeting 2026 to receive the award
- Complete a 2-week observership at one of the host centres
- Arrange all travel, accommodation, visa, and logistical requirements
- Submit a post-observership report to the COSF
- Present their experience at the COS Annual Meeting 2027

We look forward to receiving applications from enthusiastic and committed residents who are eager to broaden their horizons and contribute meaningfully to the future of ophthalmic care in Canada.