



# Beta Sigma Kappa

## Student Research Grant Application

### Background:

The Beta Sigma Kappa (BSK) Student Research Grant continues to be the only source of research funding dollars provided solely to students at accredited schools or colleges of optometry in the United States and Canada. All optometry students, irrespective of membership in BSK, are eligible to apply for the research grant. Currently, one or two grants of up to \$2,000 are awarded annually.

### Submission and Review Procedures:

Please complete the following sections in five (5) pages or less. The completed application should be submitted electronically as a PDF or word document to Dr. Mira S. Aumiller, BSK Executive Director, at [bskexec@yahoo.com](mailto:bskexec@yahoo.com). Submissions must be received by 5:00PM (CST) April 1. After review by the BSK Board of Regents, the BSK Central World Council will select the grant recipients and award funding by the beginning of July.

- A. SCHOOL/COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
- B. PROJECT TITLE
- C. STATEMENT OF RESEARCH PLAN
  - a. Statement of Problem
  - b. Experimental Design; including a statement regarding compliance with all institutional requirements regarding the use of human subjects
  - c. Institutional and other resources available
  - d. Relevance of Problem to optometry or vision science
  - e. Plans for publication
  - f. Time table
- D. BUDGET
- E. REQUESTED SUPPORT FROM BETA SIGMA KAPPA
  - a. State the amount of funding requested
  - b. Describe/Itemize the costs comprised in this amount
  - c. Justification for equipment, supplies and other expenses.
  - d. State a plan for obtaining additional funding if your budget exceeds the amount of this grant
- F. DOCUMENTATION
  - a. Signature and typed name of the faculty advisor for this project.
  - b. Signature and typed name of the dean/president of the student's school/college of optometry.

### Final Report:

Recipients must submit a final report of their research findings by May 15<sup>th</sup> of the year after the funding was awarded or the applicant and/or institution become ineligible for funding in subsequent years. The preferred submission is an article in a form suitable for publication.

### Award Details:

- BSK funds that are not expended at the completion of the research project shall be returned to BSK.
- Projects extending longer than one year will receive annual reconsideration to determine funding for the forthcoming year. In this case an interim report must accompany the renewal application.
- Any equipment purchased with BSK funds shall become the property of the student's school or college upon completion of the project.