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**VISION RESEARCH SCIENTIFIC FORUM**  
*Features projects from some of Ohio's most talented young scientists*

**Columbus, Ohio** – A *Vision Research Scientific Forum* featuring presentations from winners of Prevent Blindness Ohio's Young Investigator Student Fellowship Awards for Female Scholars in Vision Research will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Business Technology Center, 1275 Kinnear Road, Columbus. The Scientific Forum is co-sponsored by Ohio's Aging Eye Public Private Partnership.

The Forum will highlight Keynote Speaker: Pamela B. Davis, M.D., Interim Dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine speaking on "Bringing Research from the Lab Bench to the Public: A Challenge to Women in Science."

To register for the Forum, contact Laura Schwartz at 614-464-2020 ext. 112 or e-mail [lauras@pbohio.org](mailto:lauras@pbohio.org). Lunch will be available for \$5.00 per person payable at the door.

The Prevent Blindness Ohio Predoctoral Fellowship Research Award provides training support for future generations of outstanding female scientists committed to pursuing biomedical, behavioral or clinical research careers relevant to the mission of Prevent Blindness Ohio – to prevent blindness and preserve sight. To apply for the 2007 Young Investigator Student Fellowship Awards for Female Scholars in Vision Research, log on to: [www.preventblindness.org/Ohio/research\\_award.html](http://www.preventblindness.org/Ohio/research_award.html).

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**ABOUT PREVENT BLINDNESS OHIO**

Prevent Blindness Ohio, founded in 1957, is Ohio's leading volunteer, nonprofit public health organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight. It serves all 88 Ohio counties, providing direct services to more than 800,000 Ohioans annually and educating millions of consumers about what they can do to protect and preserve their precious gift of sight. Prevent Blindness Ohio is an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America, the country's second-oldest national voluntary health organization. For more information or to make a contribution, visit our website at [www.pbohio.org](http://www.pbohio.org) or call 800-301-2020.

**ABOUT OHIO'S AGING EYE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**

The Aging Eye Public/Private Partnership is an initiative supported by the Ohio Department of Aging whose mission is to develop a strategic plan of action to address issues relating to vision care public policy, vision care services, vision education, and vision research that impact the quality of life for Ohio's seniors now and in the future. The formation of the

Partnership and its on-going work is supported by a Proclamation from the Governor of Ohio. Visit [www.preventblindness.org/ohio/agingeye](http://www.preventblindness.org/ohio/agingeye) for more information.