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**PREVENT BLINDNESS OHIO ANNOUNCES  
YOUNG INVESTIGATOR STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARDS FOR FEMALE SCHOLARS IN VISION  
RESEARCH**

**COLUMBUS** – Prevent Blindness Ohio is accepting applications for its **2007 Young Investigator Student Fellowship Awards for Female Scholars in Vision Research**. Grants will be awarded for the summer 2007 session, average \$3000/award and commence on June 15, 2007. The deadline for receipt of applications is February 1, 2007. Applicants must be at the pre-doctoral level (enrolled in programs leading to a bachelor's or master's degree), female citizens and permanent residents of the United States and conducting their fellowship project with a recognized academic institution in the State of Ohio.

The Fellowship Program is designed to provide 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.

Prevent Blindness Ohio will give preference to fellowship applications which investigate public health issues related to the burden of eye-related health and safety topics and:

- Represent the interdisciplinary nature of research.
- Help translate research findings into improvements for health.
- Target the health problems of the nation's growing underrepresented minority populations that are not receiving adequate attention.

Applications from diverse fields in the health sciences including, but not limited to ophthalmology, optometry, nursing, genetics, public health, nutrition, gerontology, and bioengineering, are appropriate to the goals of this fellowship award.

The Award Program is supported by a grant from the Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund of the Fifth Third Bank Foundation, Trustee.

For more information about the Fellowship Grant and/or to access an application form, contact Prevent Blindness Ohio at 800-301-2020 or [info@pbohio.org](mailto:info@pbohio.org). To download the application go to [http://www.preventblindness.org/Ohio/research\\_award.html](http://www.preventblindness.org/Ohio/research_award.html)

**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.

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