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The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO), along with supporters The Vision Care Institute, LLC, an affiliate of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., and Luxottica, are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015 Educational Starter Grants. Grants were awarded to:



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- William Edmondson, OD, and Jennifer Snyder, OD, Southern College of Optometry, to support their research project, “The Flipped Classroom and Team-Based Learning: A Platform to Introduce New Faculty to Didactic Teaching in an Optometry Program.”
- Diane Russo, OD, FAAO, Beth Harper, OD, and Erik Weissberg, OD, New England College of Optometry, to support their research project, “Impact of Shared EHR Usage on Student Attitudes Toward Interprofessional Collaboration.”

The [educational research starter grants](#), which have been offered since 2011, serve to introduce and support the concept of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL); however, all types of educational research projects are considered. I applaud all faculty who submitted grant applications this year and congratulate the grant winners. Their efforts reflect their commitment to improving teaching and learning and moving the profession forward. ASCO and *Optometric Education* look forward to the completion and publication of this year’s funded projects.



— **Aurora Denial, OD, FAAO, Editor, *Optometric Education***

