



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:
THE 2014 ENVISION-ATWELL AWARD FOR LOW VISION
RESEARCH FOR A JUNIOR INVESTIGATOR IN LOW
VISION RESEARCH**

The Low Vision Research Group, a collective of individuals committed to pursuing and fostering research in the areas of visual impairment and vision rehabilitation, invites the nomination and submission of accepted ARVO 2014 presentations by young researchers in the field of visual impairment research to qualify for the 2014 Envision-Atwell Award.

A young investigator is defined as a person who is actively engaged in low vision, visual impairment and / or visual rehabilitation research and who is either currently pursuing graduate studies in the field of visual impairment, a post-doctoral researcher in visual impairment, or a junior faculty member with less than 5 years since his or her last doctoral degree conducting research in visual impairment.

The award is named after former NEI program officer and enthusiastic low vision research supporter Dr. Constance Atwell. The award sponsor, Envision, is based out of Wichita Kansas and has a long history of service to the low vision and blind community. Envision continues their mission of employment, public education, and vision rehabilitation services for low vision and blind people and proudly supports the Envision-Atwell award.

The award consists of a beautiful commemorative trophy and a \$500 check.

The winner will be announced, and the award handed out, during the Low Vision Social on Wednesday, May 7th, from 7:30-9:30pm in the courtyard of Chatham's Place Restaurant, 7575 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL: <http://chathamspplace.com/>

All nominees are invited to attend the Social at no charge. Moreover, the Committee wishes to thank in advance all the sponsoring companies who showed responsive and helped with the organization of the Social.

Both poster and talk presentations can be submitted. However, the young investigator must be the first author on an abstract accepted for presentation at this year's ARVO meeting. Nominations for the Envision-Atwell Award by third parties (e.g., co-authors, mentors and advisors) are also very welcome.

Nominations can be made by submitting a copy of the abstract and a complete copy of the presentation, in pdf electronic format, to the LVRG committee (lvrghmember@gmail.com, cc: gmvillani@libero.it) by 5pm EST on Friday, May 2nd, 2014.

LVRG committee members will be meeting with nominees during the ARVO meeting to discuss their presentations, either at the poster presentation, after the talk session, or at another mutually agreed time

We are looking forward to receiving many high-quality nominations!

On behalf of the LVRG Committee,
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