

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – THE 2018 ENVISION-ATWELL AWARD FOR LOW VISION RESEARCH

The Low Vision Research Group (LVRG) now invites nominations for the 2018 Envision-Atwell Award

The Envision-Atwell Award is in honor of former NEI program officer and long-time low vision research supporter Constance Atwell. While on staff at the National Eye Institute, Dr. Atwell played a pivotal role in encouraging and motivating high quality low vision research. The award sponsor, Envision of Wichita, Kansas, has a long history of service to the low vision and blind community and continues to provide support annually to LVRG for the award and the social event.

The Envision-Atwell Award is given to an ARVO presenter who is a junior investigator. This is defined as an individual who is actively engaged in low vision, visual impairment and / or visual rehabilitation research and who is currently a student, post-doctoral researcher, or junior faculty member with less than five years since his/her last professional degree. The award consists of a \$1,000 stipend and a trophy celebrating the spirit of the award.

Self-nominations and nominations by colleagues or mentors are welcome. The nominee must be the first author on an abstract accepted for podium or poster presentation at the 2018 ARVO meeting and must be the person who makes the presentation at the meeting.

Please send and copy nominations to:

To: lvrgmember@gmail.com

Cc: malkina@neco.edu

Subject line: 2018 Envision-Atwell Award Nomination

Nomination should include:

Nominee name

A copy of the accepted abstract

Brief biosketch or CV

The deadline for nomination is 5pm EST on Monday, April 23, 2018. LVRG committee members will request copy of presentation/poster prior to conference, and meet nominees during the ARVO meeting to discuss their research. Nominees will be evaluated not only by the quality of the research and the skills of presentation but also by their commitment to the field of low vision research. Please pass this announcement along to those interested that may not have received this notification. We are also happy to add anyone interested in LVRG to be added to email listing.

The award will be announced and presented during the Low Vision Social on Wednesday, May 2nd, from 7:00-10:00pm. All nominees are invited to attend the Social at no charge. More to follow!

We are looking forward to receiving your nominations and joining us in Honolulu!

On behalf of the LVRG Committee,

Alexis Malkin, OD

LVRG Co-Chair, 2017-2018