

Registration Opens for 12th Annual Optometry Student Challenge

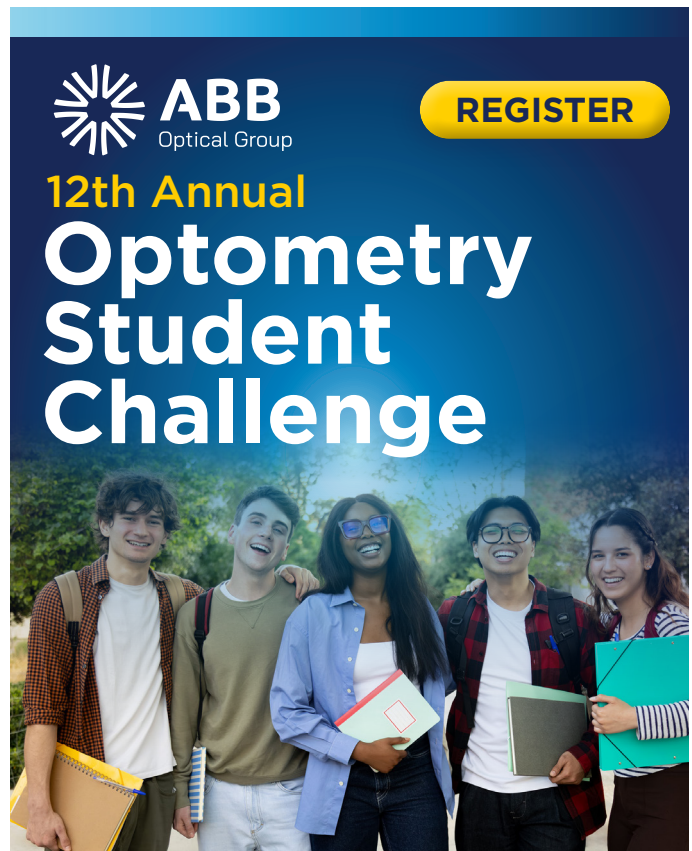
ABB Optical Group has opened registration for the 12th Annual Optometry Student Challenge. Third- and fourth-year optometry students are invited to submit an abstract on a student-based case report or research study project focused on contact lenses. Three winners will receive a \$1,500 travel grant to attend the 2027 Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs) and present their award-winning scientific posters.

Students may register **now** and will have until October 14, 2026, to submit their abstract on a contact lens topic of their choosing.

"The Optometry Student Challenge gives students a meaningful opportunity to apply their clinical knowledge, connect with professionals in the field and gain experience presenting their research on a national platform," said **Dede Reyes**, Director, Specialty Customer Engagement, Specialty Vision Products for ABB Optical Group. "Supporting students at this stage of their training is an important part of how ABB invests in the future of the profession."

Three winners will receive travel grants, and three finalists will be recognized as honorable mention recipients and awarded \$250.

"Twelve years in, the Optometry Student Challenge still energizes our entire organization," said **Daniel Liberman**, CEO of ABB Optical Group. "There's something powerful about watching students step into this profession with confidence and curiosity—bringing research that matters to real patients and real practices. ABB is proud to help open doors for them early."



Key Dates for 2026

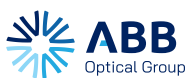
September 30: Registration Deadline

October 14: Abstract Submission Deadline

October 21: 6 Finalists Selected

November 25: Finalist Scientific Posters Deadline

December 10: Live Virtual Poster Presentations



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