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Fight For Sight and Prevent Blindness Announce Call for Entries for the 2020 Joanne Angle Public Health Award

Grant Award to Provide Funding for Sight-Saving Research

CHICAGO (Oct. 1, 2019) – National non-profit organizations [Fight for Sight](#) and [Prevent Blindness](#) are announcing a call for applications for the Joanne Angle Public Health Award, a \$25,000 grant to support a public health research project seeking to put an end to unnecessary vision loss.

The award was named for Ms. Joanne Angle who served on the National Board of Directors for Prevent Blindness, and both its Government Affairs and Audit committees, in addition to her work with the [Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology](#) (ARVO).

The deadline for the Fight for Sight-Prevent Blindness Joanne Angle Public Health Award is Friday, Nov. 15, 2019, at 12 p.m. (ET). Applications must be submitted on the Fight For Sight grant portal, <https://www.fightforsight.org/Grants/Application/>. The recipient will be announced in Spring of 2020.

The Fight for Sight-Prevent Blindness Joanne Angle Public Health Award was established to provide much-needed funding for research investigating public health related to eye health and safety. Applications will be accepted in the following priority areas:

- Burden/economic aspects of eye disease and vision loss on society
- Best practices in integrating vision screening and follow-up care with system care access
- Vision program effectiveness and evaluation

“We are proud to join with Fight for Sight to provide financial support to research programs that are working toward our shared goal of ending preventable vision loss,” said Jeff Todd, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. “Today, through the Joanne Angle Public Health Award, we continue to support individuals and institutions that are working towards that same mission.”

Arthur Makar, Fight for Sight's Executive Director remarked, "We are thrilled to be partnering with Prevent Blindness on the Joanne Angle Public Health Award. It is allowing us to expand our grantmaking from traditional scientific research and into the public health arena. We have collaborated with Prevent Blindness unofficially on various projects. This is a lovely way to solidify our relationship."

Past recipients of the Prevent Blindness Joanne Angle Award include Brian J. Song, MD, MPH, at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear, and the Department of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, for his study "Glaucoma Detection in Diabetes Teleretinal Programs." And, Rajeev S. Ramchandran, MD, MBA, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, for his study, "Implementation Science Based Study of Teleophthalmology for Diabetic Retinopathy Surveillance."

For more information on the Fight for Sight-Prevent Blindness Joanne Angle Public Health Award, please contact Arthur Makar, FFS's Executive Director, arthur@fightforsight.org.

About Prevent Blindness

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness touches the lives of millions of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, certified vision screening and training, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the American public. Together with a network of affiliates, Prevent Blindness is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, or to make a contribution to the sight-saving fund, call 1-800-331-2020. Or, visit us on the Web at preventblindness.org or facebook.com/preventblindness.

About Fight For Sight

Since 1946, Fight for Sight (FFS) has supported and inspired eye and vision research by funding promising scientists early in their careers. FFS has granted over \$21 million in research that has contributed directly or indirectly to major advances in ophthalmology and vision research, including development of the IOL, aspects of donor cornea preservation, various use of ophthalmic lasers, glaucoma treatment, and gene therapy. For more information visit our website, www.fightforsight.org or our Facebook page.

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