

CooperVision
OptiStudent[™]
Awards

OptiStudent Awards



Is the annual competition **in the field of contact lenses**, pitching the very best students from colleges and universities all over Europe and beyond, against each other to become the **OptiStudent of the Year**.

The competition aims to inspire students to strive for excellence in their studies and to encourage them to develop their professional knowledge base and contacts to benefit future careers.



Mihaela Bacheva – Bulgaria **OptiStudent Awards 2023 Winner**

“Characterization of tear film and wettability dynamics over two daily disposable soft contact lenses”

OptiStudent Awards



- Students from optical and optometry universities and colleges from EMEA are invited to join the programme.
- Students work on a contact lens and anterior eye related topic of their choice.
- Each university select a student/team to represent it and compete with other universities to become the country representative(s).
- The representatives from each country will compete at the EMEA OptiStudent Awards Final.
- The overall winner/team will be awarded with the title of **OptiStudent of the Year 2024**.



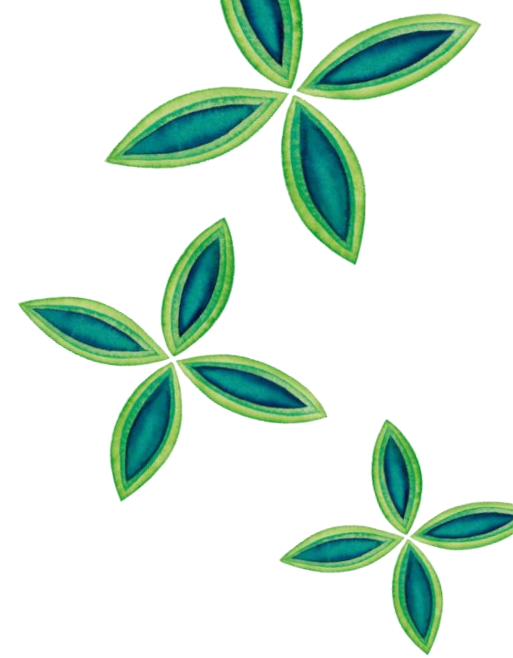
The Iberia competition

- The competition is for all First degree students in Optometry in Portuguese and Spanish universities, for the last two courses students (enrolled in May 2023 or October 2023)
- Students can enter individually or in a pair
- The theme of the project must be about **Soft Contact Lenses**
- The student must present a paper in English, Portuguese or Spanish
- The Iberia winner must present an abstract in English



The Iberia Final

- Each university will choose the winner project that will represent its university in the Iberia final
- Iberia winner will be chosen by the supervisors of the Iberia universities that have participated in the competition in 2024 edition
- Winners will be chosen according to the assessment criteria
- Iberia Winner will join other country finalists at the EMEA OptiStudent Awards Final in Budapest*



The EMEA final

All the national winners **will meet in Budapest** to compete against the winners from each country in the EMEA final.

Each national winner need to present their project with **Powerpoint in 15 minutes, with a 15 minutes' Q&A session** to defend their work. The judging panel will assess according to the assessment criteria.

Finally, the judging panel will announce the winner at an exclusive dinner where they will be given their award of a complimentary trip to an international clinical conference and will be awarded the title of CooperVision **OptiStudent of the Year**.



Winning the EMEA Final opens the access to a free year's BCLA membership fee. **Participation to the EMEA Final is subject to approval by the organizing team.**



Muskaan Hussain
2022 competition winner



2024 competition guidelines

Aim of the study

The **theme** of the project must be **in the field of contact lenses and anterior eye**.*

Type of project

- **Clinical study:** Careful thought and planning should be given to the trial, as it is difficult to change once committed. Read more about the criteria that will be used to judge the clinical trial.
- **Case Report:** The case report should relate to a patient being treated by the student or his/her supervisor. The judging criteria are like those in the other category.

Guidelines

- **Topic:**
 - Be careful not to cover controversial topics that have not yet been discussed by clinicians (PFAS, COVID, Microplastic,...)
 - Anything off label or with potential IP issues will not be included for consideration.
Off label definition: relating to the prescription of a contact lens for a condition other than that for which it has been officially approved (ex: MiSight 1 day for presbyopia)
 - Limit comparative performance studies between lenses, as manufacturers already have solid data. Judges intend to highlight more clinical research.
 - Examples of interesting topics: presbyopia / astigmat wearers / artificial intelligence
- **Study method:**
 - Be sure that you'll use normalized / validated techniques / questionnaires / statistic tools to drive your study
 - Encourage research based on technical specifications provided by manufacturers. Data deemed more sensitive may be refused. (Optical zones size, UV, ...)

*For the Iberia competition the theme of the project must be in the field of soft contact lenses

OptiStudent Awards Prizes



- Each university winner in Iberia will get:
 - A Tablet Samsung Galaxy Tab A7 8.7"*



*Or equivalent

OptiStudent Awards Prizes



- Iberia winner will get:
 - 1.000€*
 - Trip to the EMEA OptiStudent Awards Final in Budapest including travel and accommodation**



*1 student=1,000€ or 2 students=500€ each, Taxes not included

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OptiStudent Awards Prizes



EMEA winner takes it all !

- EMEA final package including travel and accommodation
- Complimentary trip to an international clinical conference, including travel and accommodation for the EMEA final OptiStudent awards winner
- The title of CooperVision OptiStudent of the Year
- Access to valuable contacts within the industry
- Opportunity to develop a professional knowledge base to benefit your future career

Iberia Leader board

2023	University of Granada
2022	Complutense University
2021	University of Valladolid
2020	Complutense University
2019	Complutense University
2018	University of Valladolid
2017	University of Alicante
2016	European University of Madrid
2015	University of Granada
2014	University of Valladolid
2013	University of Valladolid



EMEA Leader board



2024

This could be you!

2023	Mihaela Bacheva	Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski	Bulgaria
2022	Muskaan Hussain	Bradford University	UK
2021	Ishvinder Bahra and Charis Hedges	Aston University	UK
2020	Marika Martena	University of Salento	Italy
2019	Juliette Papin	Insitut Supérieur d'Optique (ISO)	France
2018	Laura Valencia and Pablo Arlanzón	University of Valladolid	Spain
2017	Sara Picarazzi	Università degli studi di Milano-Bicocca	Italy
2016	Izabela Garaszczuk	Wroclaw University of Technology	Poland
2015	Fiona Buckmaster	Glasgow caledonia	UK
2014	Umberto Bassi	Università degli studi di Milano-Bicocca	Italy
2013	Michelle snowball	Glasgow caledonia	UK

Dates OptiStudent Awards 2024



December 2023	Start the competition
April 29 th 2024	The students must submit their work to the OptiStudent Awards coordinator at their respective universities
May 13 th 2024	The coordinator must decide the winner of each university and report to CooperVision Iberia*
May 24 th 2024	The coordinator receive the projects for evaluation (Only the coordinators of universities which have presented projects will be involved in the evaluation process)
June 10 th 2024	The coordinator must send his/her votes to CooperVision Iberia (5 points the best, 3 points the second, 1 point the third)
June 14 th 2024	The winner of Iberia will be announced by CooperVision
Sep-Oct 2024	EMEA Final in Budapest*
During 2025	Prize for the EMEA winner: International Optometry Conference

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