

TRAVELLING BURSARY
WITH VISION AID OVERSEAS - SUMMER 2017
APPLICATION FORM

SURNAME:	FORENAMES:
TERM ADDRESS:	HOME/VACATION ADDRESS:
PHONE NO:	EMAIL:
DATE OF BIRTH:	<i>I am training in the UK as an Optometrist / Dispensing Optician</i>
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/COURSE:	YEAR:

**HEALTH
DECLARATION**

Physical fitness and freedom from any conditions or diseases likely to be a burden on the other team members is essential. I declare that I am fit and free of such conditions and willing to undergo an independent medical examination if VAO deem it necessary.

Signed:

**WOULD YOU BE AVAILABLE TO JOIN A VAO TEAM AT
ANY TIME DURING THE SUMMER VACATION 2017**

**YES
NO**

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In less than 60 words state briefly why you want to join a VAO project, what benefits do you think you will gain and what special qualities/experience you would bring:

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Consider the following statement:

If you were to introduce a new optical charity – how would you ensure that all the benefits go to the intended beneficiaries, bearing in mind that corruption is [accepted as] the biggest problem Africa has to face.

In what order would you introduce goods and services in the short and medium term and what would be your long term aims and objectives.

In 400 – 500 words, please comment generally on this proposition, and the questions raised.

	I attach a recent photograph and confirm that, if I am successful, FODO may use the photograph in any publicity material with the IAMF. (This photograph will not be used as part of the selection process.) Signed:	Check box	Please tick
		Completed all sections	
		Attached my response to the Proposition	
		Attached Tutor/ Employer Reference	

REFERENCE: Please attach a signed reference from your Tutor / Head of Department / Optical Employer, as appropriate, indicating support for your application.

TO BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER 2016 TO :

The Irvine Aitchison Memorial Fund
199, Gloucester Terrace London W2 6LD
or e-mail to: optics@fodo.com

If you are shortlisted, interviews will be held on Wednesday 30 November in London.

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Please return your application by Friday 28th October 2016. You will be advised shortly after 9th November if you have been selected for an interview.

The interview panel will be drawn from the Trustees, David Cartwright formerly of Boots, Brian Keefe, formerly of Dollond and Aitchison, Lynda Oliver of Outside Clinic and Claire Slade of Asda. They will be joined by Judith Trigg of VAO.

You may like to know something about Irvine Aitchison, in whose memory these bursaries are given.

Irvine George Aitchison MA, LL B(Cantab), FSMC, FBOA, Barrister-at-Law, led a distinguished life of wide ranging interests. He had been President of the Ski Club of Great Britain and of the Alpine Ski Club and was held in wide esteem in many circles both within and outside optics. In 1911 he assumed responsibility for the firm of Aitchison & Co. and in 1927 took over the ailing Dollond & Co. on which he built the foundations for the optical group Dollond & Aitchison. He was an active member of the Society of Opticians Executive Committee until his death in 1965. He played a prominent part in promoting the Opticians Act 1958 and was a founder member of the General Optical Council.

In 1966 the members of the Society of Opticians formed the Irvine Aitchison Memorial Fund (a registered educational charity) to commemorate its first chairman. In 1985 the members of the Society joined the newly formed Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians (FODO) and the Society ceased to exist. The Trustees of The Irvine Aitchison Memorial Fund are grateful to FODO for providing office and secretarial services for this Fund.

It is difficult to convey to those who never met him what he meant to his friends; to his widow, the late Lord Goodman wrote, "He was a man of great integrity, of humour, and with a sense of values as rare as it was valid". Integrity was perhaps his most striking characteristic.

Irvine Aitchison's sense of adventure, combined with an unflinching demand for high standards in education, led The Trustees to form an arrangement with Vision Aid Overseas to allow two students a chance to join a Vision Aid Overseas assignment. The Trustees will look forward to considering your application.