



The ASRS Empowerment and Opportunity Section is working to increase the representation and amplify the voices of individuals that are Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) within the field of retina. To that end, the section runs the Empowerment and Opportunity Mentoring Program, undertakes research exploring health equity issues, and creates educational materials for the ASRS membership.

### **2026 Sponsorship Opportunities**

#### **Premier Empowerment and Opportunity Sponsorship - \$12,000**

- Acknowledgement as a Premier-Level Sponsor on the ASRS website, Annual Meeting signage, and verbally at the Empowerment and Opportunity event at Annual Meeting and virtual Empowerment and Opportunity mentorship sessions.
- Three event registrations to the reception portion of the Empowerment and Opportunity event at the ASRS Annual Meeting. Option to purchase up to two additional at \$200 each.
- Option to purchase additional advertising opportunities

#### **Standard Empowerment and Opportunity Sponsorship - \$5,000**

- Acknowledgement as a sponsor of the Empowerment and Opportunity Section on the ASRS website and on Annual Meeting signage.
- Option to purchase up to two event registrations to the reception portion of the Empowerment and Opportunity event at the ASRS Annual Meeting. Price: \$200 each.
- Option to purchase additional advertising opportunities

#### **Empowerment and Opportunity Mentorship Session at AAO Sponsorship - \$12,000 exclusive sponsorship/\$6,000 non-exclusive sponsorship**

- Acknowledgment as a sponsor of the event on signage, promotions and verbally at the event.
- Three event registrations. Option to purchase up to two additional for \$150 each.
- Up to one minute of speaking time

### **2026 Empowerment and Opportunity Advertising Opportunities**

*Note: Advertising opportunities are only open to Premier and Standard Empowerment and Opportunity sponsors*

#### **Handout at the Empowerment and Opportunity event at the ASRS Annual Meeting: \$1,000**

- Advertise your company's message to attendees at the Empowerment and Opportunity reception at the ASRS Annual Meeting
- Advertiser provides materials
- Materials may be placed in ASRS-approved locations within the event meeting space

**Speaking time:**

- Up to 2 minutes of speaking time at the Empowerment and Opportunity reception at Annual Meeting: \$2,000
- Up to 1 minute of speaking time at the Empowerment and Opportunity reception at Annual Meeting: \$1,000

**Empowerment and Opportunity Travel Grants**

Travel grants will offset part of the cost for Empowerment and Opportunity Mentorship Program participants to attend the ASRS's Annual Scientific Meeting or Business of Retina Meeting. Your contribution will support an investment in the next generation of underrepresented retina specialists at a critical point in their career development. Attending continuing education events allows ophthalmology residents from underrepresented groups to form invaluable professional relationships, learn about leading-edge developments and technology and add to the diversity of perspectives represented.

There are two ways to support Empowerment and Opportunity through travel grants:

 **Empowerment and Opportunity Mentorship Program Travel Grant: \$6,000**

Acknowledgement as a supporter of the Empowerment and Opportunity Mentorship Travel Grant program on the ASRS website and at mentorship events attended by grant recipients (verbal acknowledgment and on signage at the event)

**Support Empowerment and Opportunity Travel Grants Through the Foundation of the ASRS:**

- Donate and support the mission of the Empowerment and Opportunity Section by giving to the [Foundation of the ASRS](#)
- Specify Empowerment and Opportunity Mentorship Activities in the Donation Category