

WRITTEN WORK FOR SCIENTISTS

Published papers in refereed journals on topics related to vision or optometric science are the primary written requirement for scientist candidates. If a Candidate is being considered under this category three scientific papers published in a refereed journal may be the only documentation needed. The following standards apply:

- a. The scientific articles must have been published, or accepted for publication, in a refereed journal
- b. The content of these articles must represent an original contribution to the vision science or optometric literature.
- c. Literature reviews will not be accepted unless they contain a significant original contribution by the reviewer.
- d. Unpublished academic theses, dissertations, term papers, course outlines, posters, and patents are not acceptable.
- e. Scientific papers that are not in the field of vision science or optometry will not be acceptable even though they may have appeared in a refereed journal.
- f. Any paper must be of such quality that OPTOMETRY AND VISION SCIENCE likely would have accepted it if it had been submitted there.
- g. Any co-authored paper must be accompanied by a statement indicating the level of participation of the various co-authors so that the committee may be able to determine whether the paper is eligible from that candidate. Based upon the stated levels of the co-authors' contributions and the significance of the paper, such a paper may be found acceptable. If several co-authored publications are submitted, based upon the stated levels of the co-authors' contributions the committee may judge whether the candidate's overall contribution to the literature is equivalent to three single-author publications.
- h. Textbooks or chapters in textbooks may be accepted in lieu of a scientific paper, provided that the content and scholarship is such that part or all of the book or chapter probably would have been accepted as an article by OPTOMETRY AND VISION SCIENCE had it been submitted there.
- i. It should be clear to the Scientific Committee on Admittance that the candidate's career and time are spent doing science and/or research and that the body of written work submitted to the committee demonstrates dissemination of the knowledge derived from the candidate's efforts. If a significant portion of the candidate's time is devoted to the clinical care of patients, it may be more appropriate for the candidate to be assigned to a clinical region of the Committee on Admittance, where a mix of the candidate's published articles and case reports may satisfy the written requirements. The Regional Chair can assist the candidate with that decision. and reassign the candidate to another committee if indicated.

Publications by candidates will be accepted in any language provided that they can be translated into English for evaluation.