American Academy of Optometry Foundation
Continuing to Advance Optometry’s Future

Annual Report 2017

American Academy of Optometry
FOUNDATION
Advancing Optometry’s Future
AAOF Mission Statement

The AAOF is a philanthropic organization that develops and provides financial support for optometric research and education in vision and eye health to improve clinical patient care.

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The AAOF is the philanthropic arm of the Academy.
Looking back over 2017, it was a very successful 70th anniversary year thanks to our donors, supporters, leadership, and staff. I am pleased to report that the Foundation is as vibrant as ever and continues to advance optometry’s future with funding for our talented researchers, students, and educators.

There were many highlights in 2017, beginning with the Foundation officially changing our name to the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF). The name change better aligns and brands the Academy’s Foundation.

As always, the American Academy of Optometry Foundation will remember Academy 2017 Chicago for the generosity of its donors! The AAOF received more than $255,000 in donations and new commitments at the meeting. We welcomed four new President’s Circle members, and five members moved to a higher giving level. The AAOF awarded 11 coveted Ezell Fellowships. Lecturers generously donated their honoraria, totaling over $14,000.

During Academy 2017 Chicago, the AAOF was proud to present two inaugural awards – the Korb-Exford Dry Eye Career Development Grant and the Joseph T. Barr Early Cornea and Contact Lens Research Award. These awards are in recognition of extraordinary contributions to the profession of optometry.

With assets over $6.5 million and an endowment of over $4.9 million, the AAOF looks forward to providing more than $450,000 in fellowships, scholarships, and grants in 2018. You have helped the American Academy of Optometry Foundation in its mission to develop and provide financial support for optometric research and education in vision and eye health to improve clinical patient care.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors, both personal and corporate. The AAOF takes pride in its continued growth and the successes of the exceptional individuals we have supported. YOU are continuing to advance optometry’s future by contributing to the American Academy of Optometry Foundation!

David G. Kirschen, OD, PhD, FAAO
President
The annual Academy meeting provides the American Academy of Optometry Foundation with a forum in which the Foundation Board, staff, and award recipients can connect with donors on a personal level. It is the focal point for the largest fundraising drive of the year. With your support, the Foundation received more than $255,000 in contributions and pledges at Academy 2017 Chicago.

Celebration Luncheon

The annual Celebration Luncheon celebrated the 2017 award recipients and announced the newest President’s Circle and Ezell Club members. Thank you to all donors and awardees for advancing optometry’s future. The Foundation extends its gratitude to Essilor of America, a loyal sponsor of the Celebration Luncheon and the Foundation for over 16 years.

Silent Auction

The Foundation is appreciative of our wonderful volunteers who provide their time to make the annual silent auction a success. Thank you for supporting the silent auction.

AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lens and Refractive Technologies
Bausch + Lomb
Brett G. and Robin Bence
Susan I. Eger
Gerald E. Lowther

Kerri McTigue
Ruth E. Manny
Cristina Schnider
Lindsay A. Sicks
Visit San Antonio
Jeannette Woodard
Stanley J. Yamane
An Evening at the Museum

The American Academy of Optometry Foundation hosted a reception at The Field Museum. Guests enjoyed entertainment and food, while mingling with current and potential donors to the Foundation.

Ezell Fellowship Dinner

Celebrating the 2017-2018 Ezell Fellowship recipients at a dinner sponsored by Essilor of America.
Foundation News

Name Change and New Logo for the Foundation

In 2017, the American Optometric Foundation officially changed its name to the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF). The name change better aligns and brands the Academy’s Foundation.

70th Anniversary

In 2017, the Foundation celebrated 70 years. It is our mission to continue to develop and provide financial support for optometric research and education in vision and eye health to improve clinical patient care.

Cycle for Sight 20/20 Challenge

The AAOF partnered with the Alcon Foundation in honor of World Sight Day for the Cycle for Sight 20/20 Challenge which took place during Academy 2017 Chicago. After over 2,020 minutes of cycling was achieved, the Alcon Foundation made a $25,000 donation to the AAOF in support of optometric research and education. Congratulations to University of Pikeville-Kentucky for winning the student challenge with the highest number of minutes cycled.

The Alcon Foundation has been a generous supporter of the AAOF, having given over $100,000 in recent years.
Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award
Mitchell Scheiman, OD, PhD, FAAO
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
Lecture:
Convergence Insufficiency: Evidence for Effectiveness of Therapy, Past, Present, and Future

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Lorraine Lombardi, PhD
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

Public Health and Environmental Vision Section Henry B. Peters Memorial Award
Melvin D. Shipp, OD, DrPH, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Lecture: Public Health: Optometry: 2020

Julius F. Neumueeller Award in Optics
Laura A. Goldberg, OD, MS
New England College of Optometry
Paper: Opposing effects of atropine and timolol on the color and luminance emmetropization mechanisms in chicks

Celia R Gong, OD
State University of New York College of Optometry
Paper: Accommodation and phoria in children wearing multifocal contact lenses
In 1947, inspired by the need to advance optometric research and education, William C. Ezell founded the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF). The William C. Ezell Fellowship provides financial support to graduate students enrolled in a full-time program of study and training in vision-related research that leads to a Master’s or PhD degree. Eleven outstanding individuals were selected to join this elite group in 2017. Thank you to Essilor of America for their support of the 2017 Ezell Fellowship Dinner.

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow
Maria K. Walker, OD, MS, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry

Research Focus: The physiologic response to scleral lens wear in keratoconus.

“Throughout my education, I have admired the Ezell Fellowship as a symbol of integrity and accomplishment in optometric research, and am honored to be the American Academy of Optometry’s 2017 recipient of the award. I am especially fortunate to work with Dr. Rachel Redfern, a previous recipient and my mentor at the University of Houston, and would like to offer sincere gratitude to the fellowship committee and the American Academy of Optometry Foundation for this outstanding honor.”
American Academy of Optometry Foundation Karla Zadnik Ezell Fellow
Katherine M. Bickle, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Research Focus: Characterizing the ocular surface in pediatric and adult soft contact lens wearers.

“I am greatly honored to be awarded the 2017 American Academy of Optometry Foundation Karla Zadnik Ezell Fellowship. I would like to express my appreciation to the American Academy of Optometry Foundation for their generous support and to my advisor, Dr. Jeffrey Walline, for his exceptional guidance. This award will provide tremendous support toward the continued development of my research, teaching, and leadership skills as I strive to become an independent clinical researcher.”

AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Ezell Fellow
Erin Rueff, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Research focus: Contact lens discomfort and its association with accommodative insufficiency and presbyopia.

“I sincerely thank the AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies for honoring me with the William C. Ezell Fellowship. I am humbled to be included in this elite group of educators and vision scientists. I would also like to thank my advisor, Dr. Melissa Bailey, for her invaluable mentorship throughout my training. This award encourages me to continue devoting my career efforts toward clinical research and optometric education.”

Baycross Christian Family Foundation Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Ezell Fellow
Ann M. Morrison, OD, MS
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Research focus: Anterior segment influences on refractive error development.

“I am deeply honored to be the recipient of the 2017 William C. Ezell Fellowship. I would like to thank the American Academy of Optometry Foundation and Baycross Christian Family Foundation for supporting my research. I would also like to thank my mentor, Dr. Donald Mutti, for his continued guidance and encouragement throughout my graduate career. Receiving this award has fostered my desire to become an independent clinical scientist and educator.”
Irvin M. Borish - Essilor Ezell Fellow
Ian Erkelens, OD
University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science
Research focus: Mechanisms of sensorimotor adaptation in horizontal vergence eye movements.
“The peer and financial support that the Ezell Fellowship provides will be essential to the success of my current research program. Support from the distinguished list of past Ezell fellows will help translation of my research to clinical practice. In addition, this group will provide guidance and support during the initiation and development of my optometric research and education career.”

Mike Daley - Essilor Ezell Fellow
Suraj Upadhyaya, OD, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research focus: Investigation of neural circuits underlying eye misalignment and eye movement disruption in monkey models of strabismus.
“I am delighted and honored to be a part of this elite Ezell family of vision scientists. This is a moment of pride for me, my institution and my country Nepal, as this is the first time an optometrist from Nepal has been awarded with this honor. None of this would be possible without the guidance from Drs. Das, Frishman, and Harwerth. My deepest thanks to the AAOF and Essilor of America for their generous support in instituting this award. This award has additionally motivated me to pursue research in vision science as a clinician-scientist.”

Merton C. Flom Leadership Ezell Fellow
Phillip Thomas Yuhas, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University School of Optometry
Research focus: Photopotentiation of ganglion cell photoreceptors.
“I am delighted and honored to receive the 2017 Merton C. Flom Leadership Ezell Fellowship. To be associated with Dr. Flom is a special distinction and motivates me to contribute to optometry in the clinic, in the laboratory, and in the classroom. I am thankful to the Flom family, the American Academy of Optometry Foundation, my wife and children, and Dr. Andrew Hartwick for their continued support of my pursuit to become a successful clinician-scientist.”

Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellow
Elise N. Harb, OD, MSc, FAAO
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry
Research focus: Investigating the role of human behavior, and its dynamics, on myopia development using wearable technologies.
“I am honored to be the recipient of the 2017 Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellowship. I would like to express my appreciation to the American Academy of Optometry Foundation for its continued support throughout my education as a clinician scientist and to Dr. Michael G. Harris for his generous support of my research. This fellowship exemplifies my continued career path as a clinician scientist and educator and hope that our research provides impact to the public health of our communities. Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the mentorship and support from my advisor, Dr. Christine Wildsoet, and the UC Berkeley Myopia Research Group.”
Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellow
Nevin W. El-Nimri, OD, MS, FAAO
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Research focus: Understanding the link between myopia and glaucoma.

“I am greatly honored to be awarded the 2017 William C. Ezell Fellowship. I sincerely thank the Optometric Glaucoma Society for their support of my research. The generosity of the fellowship will provide me with critical resources to continue my research training and transition into an independent clinical researcher. I would like to thank my PI, Dr. Christine Wildsoet, for guiding my development as a scientist in optometric research.”

John H. Schoen Ezell Fellow
Kevin Thomas Willeford, OD, MS, FAAO
State University of New York College of Optometry

Research focus: Motor response selection and inhibition.

“Receiving the William C. Ezell Fellowship is an honor which signifies my commitment to optometric research. With this support and the guidance of my mentor Dr. Robert McPeek, I can continue to illuminate the neural circuitry which coordinates when and where we move our eyes. This knowledge is a springboard to achieve my goals as a clinical scientist: first, to derive novel oculomotor therapies and second, to tailor those which are currently practiced.”

Vision Impact Institute Ezell Fellow
Kaitlyn Anne Sapoznik, OD
Indiana University School of Optometry

Research focus: Adaptive optics imaging of retinal microvascular remodeling in diabetes.

“I am honored to receive the William C. Ezell Fellowship sponsored by Vision Impact Institute and am humbled to share this title with many exceptional optometric researchers and educators. I am sincerely grateful to the Vision Impact Institute and the American Academy of Optometry Foundation for their generous support during my development as a clinician scientist and for the guidance of my advisor, Dr. Stephen Burns. I look forward to the opportunities this award will bring!”

Earl L. Smith, III
2018-2019 Ezell Club Fellowship Honoree

In 2014, the American Academy of Optometry Foundation began a tradition of honoring a former Ezell Fellow by naming an Ezell Club Fellowship in their name for that given year. The 2018-2019 Ezell Club Fellowship will be named for Earl L. Smith, III, OD, PhD, FAAO. This fellowship will be recognized at Academy 2018 San Antonio.

Professor Smith is a former Ezell Fellow and a member of the Ezell Club. He received his OD (1972) and PhD (1978) from the University of Houston (UH) and subsequently joined the faculty of the UH, College of Optometry.

During his tenure at UH, he has served as the Chair of the Basic Sciences Department, the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, the Dean of the College of Optometry, and as the Chief Health Officer of the University of Houston. Professor Smith currently holds the Greeman-Petty Professorship in Vision Development and is serving his second term as the Dean of the College of Optometry.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a Past President of the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (1999-2001).
2017 Inaugural Awards

Korb-Exford Dry Eye Career Development Grant
Srihari Narayanan, OD, PhD, FAAO
University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry

Research Project: Meibomian Gland Dysfunction management to relieve contact lens discomfort

At Academy 2010 San Francisco, the Foundation received a generous $25,000 donation from Drs. Donald Korb and Joan Exford to establish a research and leadership fund in the area of dry eye. The Korb-Exford Dry Eye Career Development Grant is designed to support an individual to further their knowledge in the broad area of dry eye.

Joseph T. Barr Early Cornea and Contact Lens Research Award
Yuno Iwabuchi
Pacific University College of Optometry

Research Project: A study on the use of soft, hybrid, and piggyback contact lenses for daily wear orthokeratology

In 2012, in recognition of extraordinary contributions to optometry and contact lenses, the AAOF established a fund to honor an exceptional mentor and role model of our profession, Dr. Joseph T. Barr. The Joseph T. Barr Early Cornea and Contact Lens Research Award is designed to provide support to an individual for research project seed funding in the area of cornea/ocular surface or contact lenses.
2017-2018 Allergan Foundation Research Grant
Rose Y. Reins, PhD
University of Houston College of Optometry
Primary Investigator

Rachel Redfern, OD, PhD, FAAO
Co-Investigator
Project: Evaluation of Vitamin D Treatment for Dry Eye-induced Ocular Surface Inflammation

Fredric Rosemore Low Vision Educational Grant
Ava K. Bittner, OD, PhD, FAAO
NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry

Beta Sigma Kappa (BSK) Research Fellowship
Adam J. Peiffer, OD
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Student Travel Fellowships

Elmer H. Eger Memorial Student Travel Fellowship
Bryan Williams
University of Houston College of Optometry

N. Rex Ghormley Student Travel Fellowship
Elizabeth Galko
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Beta Sigma Kappa (BSK) Student Travel Fellowship
Cameron Sefton
University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science

Kirschen Family Student Travel Fellowship
Kirsten Carter
University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science

Johnson & Johnson Vision Student Travel Fellowships
Kamil Hill
Southern College of Optometry

Hannah Mikes
Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University

Tatsiana Palavets
State University of New York College of Optometry

Danica Yang
State University of New York College of Optometry
Scholarships

The VSP Practice Excellence Scholarships are funded by VSP Global Eyes of Hope® Global Charitable Fund in collaboration with FYiDoctors in Canada.

Taylor Harris and Jessica Chan  Illinois College of Optometry
Rachel Rexing and Christopher Reed  Indiana University School of Optometry
Bianca Augustino and Christopher McCollum  Inter-American University of Puerto School of Optometry
Jillian Boyd and Alison Zhou  Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Optometry
Allison Webster and Kristen Johnson  Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
Brett Christensen and Derek Blankenship  Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry
Chantelle Davis and Karlee Muller  New England College of Optometry
Randy Cox and Melanie Newcomer  Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry
Meredith Kristin Barnes and Samuel Petro  NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry
Cory J. Lappin and Herbert T. Wentzien  The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Abby Taffe and Aaron Salzano  Pacific University College of Optometry
Jordan Heidelbaugh and Joshua Heersink  Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
Katherine Zhang and Mark Yeghiazarian  Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University
Chelci Reynolds and Allan McCleary  Southern College of Optometry
Elaina M. Nellis and Tristan Barrueco  State University of New York College of Optometry
Jonathan Davis and Haley Hixon  University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry
Steven Perry and Ece Turhal  University of California Berkeley School of Optometry
Brian Hart and Melanie Deitch  University of Houston College of Optometry
Katlyn Martin and Lindsey Primeaux  University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry
Taylor Dahms and Ramya Natarajan  University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry
Michelle Zakem and Lorie St-Amour  University of Montreal School of Optometry
Sana Owais and Courtney Fan  University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science
Kevin Drew and Katalina Yandell  Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry
The Awards of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care and J. Pat Cummings Scholarships are supported by educational funding from Johnson & Johnson Vision.

**Awards of Excellence**

Jaime Blavat  
Hailey Shaffer Williams  
Jessica Tu  
Michael Belhumeur  
Austin Schipper  
Elizabeth Ledezma  
Avani Dave  
Jessica White  
Laura Jankiprasad  
Ashley N. Dues  
Paige Stephens  
Patrick O’Connor McManamon  
Justine Gonzalez  
Rebecca Goad  
Azinda Morrow  
Kate Oliver  
Andrew Vo  
Allison Quirin  
Tam Nguyen  
Kelsey Haugen  
Laurianne Trudeau  
Jonathan Ngoc Dinh  
Lilia Babakhan

**Illinois College of Optometry**  
**Indiana University School of Optometry**  
**Inter-American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry**  
**Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Optometry**  
**Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University**  
**Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry**  
**New England College of Optometry**  
**Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry**  
**NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry**  
**The Ohio State University College of Optometry**  
**Pacific University College of Optometry**  
**Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University**  
**Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University**  
**Southern College of Optometry**  
**State University of New York College of Optometry**  
**University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry**  
**University of California Berkeley School of Optometry**  
**University of Houston College of Optometry**  
**University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry**  
**University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry**  
**University of Montreal School of Optometry**  
**University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science**  
**Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry**

**J. Pat Cummings Scholarships**

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Derek Phelps  
Jennifer Chan  
Esther Ko  
Kathleen Bott  
Hannah Johnson  
Jessica Taylor  
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Melissa Zaleski  
Kelly Marie Morgan  
Masha Molodyh  
Kylie Auman  
Brandin Gwinner  
Blair Flint  
Jana R. Widell  
Paul Brown  
Mina Choi  
Rachel Reed  
Nirmani Karunathilake  
Aric J. Waltz  
Gabriella Courey  
Sherene Vazhapilly  
Laura Monsanto

**2017 Vincent Salierno Scholarships**

Monica Udaykumar  
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University  
Stephanie Uchida  
Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry  
Mark Calixte  
NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry  
Brendon Manns  
Michigan College of Optometry  
Keller Hopkins  
University of Missouri–St. Louis College of Optometry
Residency Awards

The Bert C. and Lydia M. Corwin Contact Lens Residency Award
Jesus Gabriel Martinez, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry

The Douglas W. Hopkins Primary Care Residency Award
Ashley Rose Pi’ilani Luke, OD, BS
Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University

The Alfred A. Rosenbloom Low Vision Residency Award
Rachel Young, OD
Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University

Johnson & Johnson Vision Residency Awards

George W. Mertz Contact Lenses Residency Awards
Jamie Kuzniar, OD
Indiana University School of Optometry
Kelsy R. Steele, OD, MS
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Grace Liao, OD
Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University

Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Awards
Trevor J. Fosso, OD
Illinois College of Optometry
Emily M. Korszen, OD
Pacific University College of Optometry
Jessica Jose, OD
Illinois College of Optometry

Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Awards
Amanda E. Beaudry, OD, MS
Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University
Kristen L. Kerber, OD, MS
New England College of Optometry

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Giving Back to the Profession

Student Giving Matching Travel Grants

Designed to increase AAOF student participation, create a climate of giving back to the profession, and promote involvement at the annual Academy meeting, this program provides $750 in matching travel funds to selected individuals at each institution whose student organization raises the same amount through individual giving or fundraising activities.

Lindsey Colliver
Nicole Schmiedt
*Indiana University School of Optometry*

Stephanie Gee
Maria Nguyen
*Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

Kevin Stieb
Brittany Ann Wolthuizen Flack
*Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry*

Rachel Fenton
Elizabeth Lemos
*The Ohio State University College of Optometry*

Jessica Arighi Boyd
Conner Robbins
Emma Wilhite Scott
Jinen (Jay) Shah
*University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry*

Recognizing Consistent Giving

The Foundation thanks those individual supporters who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to optometric research and education by making a consistent annual contribution. These donors each received a special commemorative pin during Academy 2017 Chicago.

**15-Year Consistent Giving**
Kathryn A. Dumbleton, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO and John G. Flanagan, OD, PhD, FAAO
Israel A. Goldberg, PhD, FAAO
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**Legacy Society**
The Legacy Society recognizes those individuals who have included AAOF in their estate plans. Contributions received through bequests are a vital part of our planned giving program and help endow future programs and initiatives.

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Thanks to our loyal and generous supporters, the Foundation has funded many individuals who will lead the discovery of innovations and better patient care.

(* indicates new “Circle” member, (d) deceased)

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- The Alcon Foundation  
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- Sarita and Ashok Soni  
- Rod Tahran  
- Vision Impact Institute*  
- Richard Weisbarth  
- Joe and Cheryl Yager
If you are interested in becoming a member of this elite group, please contact Maureen Dimont, Director, Development at MaureenD@aaoptom.org.
Thanks to our loyal and generous supporters, the Foundation has awarded and funded many individuals who will lead the discovery of innovations for better patient care.

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### Expense Distribution

- **6.2%** General and Administrative
- **20.9%** Fundraising
- **72.9%** Education and Research Support

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