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Dr. Timothy A. Wingert
Dean, Rosenberg School of Optometry

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy A. Wingert".

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the vision, goals and outstanding facilities of the Rosenberg School of Optometry at the University of the Incarnate Word. We hope your visit to our facilities will be informative and productive. Now that you are thinking about one of the great professions of the healing arts, we know you will also appreciate one of the great schools to prepare you for your future.

The Rosenberg School of Optometry prides itself in the fact that it plays host for one of the most diverse groups of optometry students in the world. Our students come from many different backgrounds, providing a firm foundation to build lasting personal and professional relationships.

The Rosenberg School of Optometry offers outstanding professional preparation. Our very strong curriculum covers all aspects of Optometry. The outstanding faculty is renowned for their expertise in the many varied areas of Optometric patient care. You will be challenged to master optics, vision science, the diagnosis and management of ocular disease, and the care of patients who present to you with complex medical conditions while always remembering that you are caring for the whole person.

We welcome your visit to our campus and look forward to a continued dialogue regarding your future optometric education.

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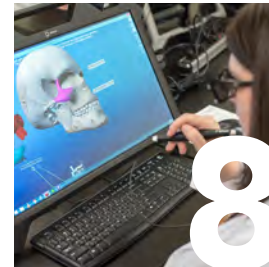
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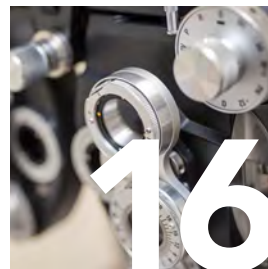
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OVERVIEW OF SAN ANTONIO

Your educational preparation is enhanced by the fact that you are taking this journey in one of America's greatest and most culturally diverse cities. Nestled deep in the heart of Texas, an hour south of Austin and three hours' drive from the Gulf Coast, San Antonio continues to be a destination for work, culture and recreation. According to the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (sanantionioedf.com), San Antonio's rich culture comes alive through history, art, architecture, music and beautiful outdoor spaces that showcase a unique blend of lively Mexican-American folklore, Spanish heritage and Texas pride.

As the 7th largest city in the United States and growing, San Antonio's cost of living continues to rank among the lowest of U.S. cities, mainly among large metropolitan areas. Based on a recent survey, UIWRSO students pay on average \$900 per month for rent with inclusion of some utilities.

Residents and visitors of San Antonio find endless opportunities by visiting local attractions including:

- The Alamo and River Walk
- San Antonio Missions National Historical Park
- Historic Pearl Brewery area
- Tobin Center for the Performing Arts
- Sea World and Six Flags Fiesta Texas
- King William and Southtown Arts District
- Brackenridge Park and the San Antonio Zoo
- Professional Sporting Events including the 5-time NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs



The mission of the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry (UIWRSO) is to educate and prepare future leaders in optometry through excellence in education, patient care and vision research. This is achieved in an environment committed to personal growth within a context of faith, human dignity and social justice.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

UIWRSO offers the only optometry program in the United States that is associated with a faith-based university. While attending UIWRSO, you will feel the emphasis placed on individualized attention along with our commitment to each student's personal growth in the classroom and in the community. Our class size is approximately 68 students and our facilities are housed near the Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

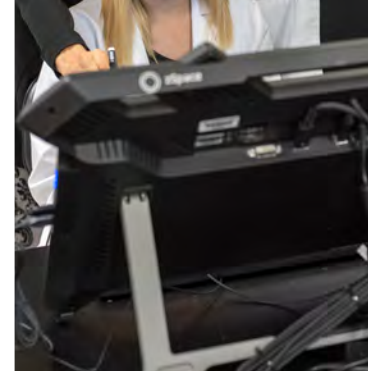
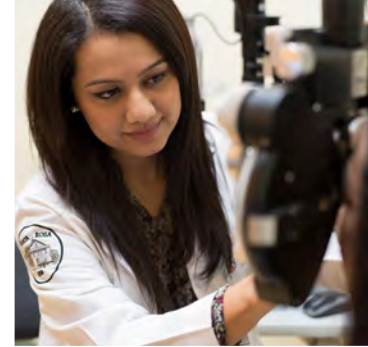
The prescribed 4-year curriculum is based in the medical model, emphasizing individualized attention and clinical development. The curriculum integrates classroom experience and patient contact, providing early exposure to clinical training captured through community outreach programs, and rotations through clinics and externships. Distinctive features of the curriculum include case-based seminars, grand rounds, problem-based learning, incorporation of educational technologies such as web-based learning, virtual reality platforms, classroom performance system, digital libraries, podcasts and video conferencing.

The rotations within the UIWRSO clinic network include direct supervised patient care in the Cornea and Contact Lens, Ocular Health, Peri-Operative, Visual Neurophysiology, Sports and Vision Enhancement, Low Vision and Rehabilitation, Dry Eye Service, Vision Therapy, Pediatrics, Retina Service, Adult Care Services, and Neuro-Optometric rehab.

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UIWRSO was the best decision of my life. The people I have met during my time here are not only my friends and future colleagues, they're my family.

Frankie Cantu | UIWRSO Student



A young woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a bright pink sweater over a white collared shirt with a red lanyard, is seated at a dark desk in a classroom. She is looking down at a tablet computer, with her right hand holding a blue pen and her left hand touching the screen. On the desk next to her is a clear plastic water bottle and a computer mouse. In the background, other students are blurred, suggesting a lecture hall or classroom setting.

The curriculum has been developed to provide our students with a stepwise, clinical educational experience throughout the four years of the professional program emphasizing personal and professional development. The didactic and clinical laboratory instruction begins in the first year and continues throughout. All courses, including a basic science courses, integrate and emphasize clinical applications and scenarios.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

CUMULATIVE HOURS 203.5

| 1st Professional Year | FALL SEMESTER | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------|-----|---------|
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 5411 | Clinical Optometry I | 3 | 3 | 4.5 |
| | OPT 5412 | Principles of Optics | 4 | 0 | 4.0 |
| | OPT 5413 | Human Anat. & Histology | 3 | 2 | 4.0 |
| | OPT 5315 | Fundamentals Vision Sci. | 3 | 0 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 5313 | Neuroanatomy | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 5219 | Professional Opt. Practice I | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | Total Hours | | 17 | 7 | |
| | Total Credits | | | | 20.5 |
| | SPRING SEMESTER | | | | |
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 5129 | Professional Opt. Practice II | 1 | 0 | 1.0 |
| | OPT 5421 | Clinical Optometry II | 3 | 3 | 4.5 |
| | OPT 5423 | Clinical Ocular Anat. & Phys. I | 3 | 2 | 4.0 |
| | OPT 5325 | Clinical Physiology | 3 | 0 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 5522 | Visual & Applied Optics | 4 | 2 | 5.0 |
| | OPT 5223 | Ocular Biochem./Mol. Gen. | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | OPT 5225 | Clinical Immun. & Histopath | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | Total Hours | | 18 | 7 | |
| | Total Credits | | | | 21.5 |

| 2nd Professional Year | FALL SEMESTER | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------|-----|---------|
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 6411 | Clinical Optometry III | 3 | 3 | 4.5 |
| | OPT 6318 | General Pharmacology | 3 | 0 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 6315 | Clinical Ocular Anat. & Phys. II | 3 | 0 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 6312 | Clinical Ophthalmic Optics | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 6415 | Bin. Vision/Ocular Motility | 3 | 2 | 4.0 |
| | OPT 6317 | Organ Pathology | 3.5 | 0 | 3.5 |
| | OPT 6214 | Clinical Internship I | 0 | 4 | 2.0 |
| | Total Hours | | 17.5 | 11 | |
| | Total Credits | | | | 23.0 |
| | SPRING SEMESTER | | | | |
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 6321 | Clinical Optometry IV | 1.5 | 3 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 6125 | Integr. Problem-Based Learning | 1 | 0 | 1.0 |
| | OPT 6526 | Pathology Anterior Segment | 4 | 2 | 5.0 |
| | OPT 6328 | Ocular Pharmacology | 3 | 0 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 6326 | Pathology Posterior Segment I | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 6323 | Pediatric Optometry | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 6322 | Contact Lens I | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 6224 | Clinical Internship II | 0 | 4 | 2.0 |
| | Total Hours | | 15.5 | 15 | |
| | Total Credits | | | | 23.0 |

*Comprehensive Clinical Management (8306, 8316, 8326) series will offer one section each semester.

| 3rd Professional Year | SUMMER SEMESTER | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------|-----|---------|
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 7105 | Clinical Case Analysis | 1 | 0 | 1.0 |
| | OPT 7107 | Patient Care/Phys. Diag. | 1 | 1 | 1.5 |
| | OPT 7109 | Research Methodology | 1 | 0 | 1.0 |
| | OPT 7202 | Contact Lens II | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | OPT 7307 | Vision Therapy | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 7306 | Glaucoma Diag. & Mgmt. | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 7604 | Clinical Internship III | 0 | 12 | 6.0 |
| | Elective | Spanish for Optometrists | | | N/C |
| | Total Hours | | 9 | 17 | |
| | Total Credits | | | | 17.5 |
| | FALL SEMESTER | | | | |
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 7215 | Advanced Vis. Sci. & Clinical App. | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | OPT 7316 | Strab./Ambl. Diag. & Mgmt. | 2.5 | 1 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 7313 | Neuro-Ophthalm.Disease | 3 | 0 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 7206 | Pathology Posterior Segment II | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | OPT 7614 | Clinical Internship IV | 0 | 12 | 6.0 |
| | Total Hours | | 9.5 | 13 | |
| | Total Credits | | | | 16.0 |
| | SPRING SEMESTER | | | | |
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 7217 | Clinical Med. & Syst. Dis. | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | OPT 7326 | Ophthal Lasers & Surg. Procedures | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 7322 | Low Vision Rehabilitation | 2 | 2 | 3.0 |
| | OPT 7125 | Advanced Topics Seminars | 1 | 0 | 1.0 |
| | OPT 7624 | Clinical Internship V | 0 | 12 | 6.0 |
| | OPT 7219 | Professional Opt. Practice III | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | OPT 7329 | Legal Aspects & Public Health Opt. | 3 | 0 | 3.0 |
| | Total Hours | | 12 | 16 | |
| | Total Credits | | | | 20.0 |
| 4th Professional Year | SUMMER SEMESTER | | | | |
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 8201 | Clinical Extern - or - | 0 | 40 | 20.0 |
| | OPT 8204 | Specialty Clinical Rotations | 0 | 38 | 19.0 |
| | OPT 8306 | Comprehensive Clinical Mgmt.* | 0 | 2 | 1.0 |
| | OPT 8209 | Professional Opt. Practice IV | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | Total Credits | | | | 20-22 |
| | FALL SEMESTER | | | | |
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 8211 | Clinical Extern - or - | 0 | 40 | 20.0 |
| | OPT 8214 | Specialty Clinical Rotations | 0 | 38 | 19.0 |
| | OPT 8316 | Comprehensive Clinical Mgmt.* | 0 | 2 | 1.0 |
| | OPT 8219 | Professional Opt. Practice IV | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | Total Credits | | | | 20-22 |
| | SPRING SEMESTER | | | | |
| | CRN | Course Title | Lecture | Lab | Credits |
| | OPT 8221 | Clinical Extern - or - | 0 | 40 | 20.0 |
| | OPT 8224 | Specialty Clinical Rotations | 0 | 38 | 19.0 |
| | OPT 8326 | Comprehensive Clinical Mgmt.* | 0 | 2 | 1.0 |
| | OPT 8229 | Professional Opt. Practice IV | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| | Total Credits | | | | 20-22 |



CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY

With an emphasis on advanced technology, the academic experience is enhanced both in and outside the classroom. To support academic instruction as well as success within the program, UIWRSO will provide each student with a tablet/laptop device preloaded with e-textbooks and essential software.

In addition to modern optometric equipment, students can anticipate innovative lab experiences that features both the Binocular Indirect Ophthalmoscope (BIO) Simulation System – Eyesi and Z-Space virtual reality systems. The Eyesi BIO system is an augmented reality teaching platform for learning binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy. Each station is equipped with a model plastic head which, when observed through an augmented headband mounted BIO and lens turns into a live “virtual reality” patient. Through the integration of Z-Space into the first-year lab experience, students will enjoy a more comprehensive learning environment. Cyber-anatomy combines 3D imagery and a virtual reality platform to create an engaging and interactive learning experience.

zSpace is an engaging and easy to use virtual reality platform for the study of human anatomy designed to augment laboratory and classroom experiences.

Dr. Sanchez-Diaz, Assistant Professor



The background of the page is a blurred, close-up photograph of various optical instruments, likely from a phoropter or similar vision testing device. The image shows metallic frames, lenses, and adjustment knobs in shades of grey and silver, creating a professional and technical atmosphere.

CLINICAL NETWORK

The school offers multiple clinical settings to achieve diverse patient encounters. Our clinical network includes several sites in San Antonio and Dallas/Fort Worth. We partner with many medical organizations in San Antonio and serve as the largest core vision safety net provider in South Texas for patients who are uninsured, underinsured, and insured through public funding. The UIWRSO clinical network operates on the principles of patient dignity, respect, and diversity. It is our mission to serve the population of San Antonio and South Texas regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or financial status. The UIWRSO clinical network is dedicated to provide eye and vision care to those in need regardless of their ability to pay.

UIWRSO clinics have provided over \$2.2 million in uncompensated care over the last 12 months.



UIW Eye Institute

The UIW Eye Institute is a full scope state-of-the-art clinic located on site of the main Rosenberg School of Optometry facility. State-of-the-art technology and equipment is used to provide care to patients with diverse optometric needs.

The Parkhurst NuVision Laser Surgery Center is located on site of the UIW Eye Institute and allows our students the opportunity to work closely with refractive surgical patients, actively participating in pre and post-op care. Students will have opportunities to gain experience in the following clinical services:

- Adult Primary Care
- Pediatrics
- Ocular Disease
- Cornea and Contact Lens
- Vision Therapy and Binocular Vision
- Visual Neurophysiology (VNS)
- Dry Eye
- Peri-Operative
- Neuro-Optometric Rehab

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The Peri-operative rotation offers advanced training on minor surgical procedures to ensure that our graduates are prepared to enter the field with the broadest scope of practice possible.

Dr. Kyle Sandberg
Chief of Refractive Surgery and Laser Services





Bowden Eye Care and Health Center

Located on the east-side of San Antonio, the UIW Bowden Eye Care and Health Center is a multidisciplinary teaching environment equipped to provide comprehensive health care to underserved populations of our community. This facility is home to the Glaucoma Center of Excellence which is involved in the delivery of advanced patient care services to persons with glaucoma, including laser procedures, surgical consultations, and post-operative care. Additional services include:

- Adult Primary Care
- Pediatrics
- Ocular Disease
- Cornea and Contact Lens
- Vision Therapy and Binocular Vision
- Visual Neurophysiology Service (VNS)
- Glaucoma
- Ophthalmology
- Retina
- Low Vision



Sports and Vision Enhancement Service

The Sports and Vision Enhancement Service Clinic was launched in 2017 to improve the visual demands of the University of the Incarnate Word's Cardinal Athletes and to teach RSO's students how to provide sports vision training. "Sports Vision" is an area of optometry specifically geared toward enhancing the visual needs of athletes which can contribute to achieving an elite level of performance. Athletes can enhance their visual efficiency, accuracy, and interpretation by training or "exercising" their visual system which in turn improves their motor response and enables them to react more quickly and accurately while they play their sport.

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Currently, the University of the Incarnate Word is the only Division I athletic program to have a sports vision training facility owned and operated by an optometry school.

Dr. Allison Cronin


Chief of Sports and Vision Enhancement Service





CommuniCare Health Center | West Campus

CommuniCare Health Center is a full-service primary healthcare system serving Bexar County. Through the partnership with UIW Rosenberg School of Optometry, this CommuniCare location is able to offer the highest quality vision care including Adult Care Services. Third- and fourth-year interns provide primary eye and vision services to the adult population age 18 and older. Our Adult Care Services engage a large volume of complicated, high medical acuity patients providing the interns with a vast array of clinical presentations. The Adult Care Services also incorporates basic contact lens services, optical service, and the diagnosis, treatment, and management of acute ocular disease.



Dr. Jeff Rabin, Coordinator of SFTP, has published more than 70 papers and case reports and continues to develop new tests of color vision and contrast sensitivity.

RESEARCH

If you are interested in enhancing your clinical development with research opportunities, the UIWRSO offers a Summer Fellowship Training Program (SFTP). The SFTP offers a generous monetary award for scholarly and related activities including unique opportunities to improve and expand your clinical and didactic training. Selected students will work side by side and be mentored by our faculty on specific research projects.

The SFTP program has produced numerous peer-reviewed paper (lecture) presentations and peer-reviewed posters at preeminent national and international meetings, as well as several peer-reviewed publications. Research topics include:

- Effects of dark vs. milk and white chocolate on multiple aspects of visual performance
- Impact of sleep onset and duration on academic performance
- Neural compensation for neuro-degenerative visual loss in glaucoma and related diseases
- Short term effects of blue vs. white light on visual performance
- Genetics of retinoblastoma
- Gap junction coupling in diabetic retinopathy
- Effects of body position and choroidal thickness on intraocular pressure
- Normative values for short-duration transient VEPs
- Short-term effect of Dorzolamide on choroidal thickness and morphology
- Effects of pharmacological and topical treatments for dry eye and blepharitis
- Sex hormones and intraocular pressure
- Effects of hands-free phone calls on visual performance
- Efficacy and application of 2-color dark adaptometry
- Development and validation of new tests of color vision and contrast sensitivity.



RESIDENCIES

Pursuit of residency programs are strongly encouraged by the administration and faculty at UIWRSO. To support our students' interests in post-graduate education, we have made a variety of resources available. For example, the Director of Residency Programs coordinates a 'Residency Day' event each year whereby current students can learn from our current residents about the application process, matching process and day-to-day responsibilities of a resident. The residents also present on advanced optometric topics for the benefit of the students and faculty. Over 75% of recent UIWRSO graduates that have applied for residency have been matched with a qualifying opportunity.

UIWRSO currently offers ten residencies and one fellowship program in the following areas:

Primary Care Residency Programs

- Residency in Primary Care Optometry with an emphasis in Ocular Disease at the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry
- Residency in Primary Care Optometry at the Brooke Army Medical Center

Ocular Disease Residency Programs

- Residency in Ocular Disease with an emphasis in Brain Injury and Rehabilitation at the Audie Murphy Memorial VA Hospital
- Residency in Ocular Disease at the Doris Miller Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Residency in Ocular Disease with an emphasis in Refractive and Ocular Surgery at Parkhurst NuVision
- Residency in Ocular Disease at Dell Laser Consultants
- Residency in Ocular Disease at the Veterans Administration Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System

Vision Therapy Residency Programs

- Residency in Vision Rehabilitation with emphasis in Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation at the Optometry Center for Vision Therapy
- Residency in Pediatric Optometry with emphasis in Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation at the Arkansas Vision Development Center
- Residency in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation at the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry

Low Vision Residency Programs

- Residency in Vision Rehabilitation with emphasis in Low Vision Rehabilitation and Ocular Disease at the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry

Fellowship Programs at the Rosenberg School of Optometry

- Fellowship in Optometric Surgery and Medicine at the DeSoto Regional Eye Institute and Surgery Center
- Fellowship in Sports Vision at the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry and USAF Lackland AFB

STUDENT RESOURCES

With a retention rate of 98.5%, students find support through a variety of services and resources on-site at UIWRSO and on main campus. UIWRSO is committed to the success of each student enrolled in the professional program. With the mentorship of award-winning faculty and continuous support from the administration and staff, students are able to successfully master a rigorous academic and clinical experience.

Academic Support

Students may seek academic support, including individual and group tutoring, through the Director of Academic Success (DAS). The DAS can also provide study skills strategies for professional school students, coping strategies for test anxiety, time management approaches and tips to get organized.

Career Resources

UIWRSO offers career service resources specifically for our optometry students and alumni. In addition to general tips on resume building, interview preparation and job searches, we offer a free online placement service to students and alumni of the Doctor of Optometry Program.

Counseling

Counseling services are offered to students experiencing difficulty of a non-academic nature, which can impact their ability to succeed in the professional program. The Office of Student Affairs is available to facilitate any student needs for counseling services.

Student Success Programs

The Student Affairs Office is committed to student success and works collaboratively to support students through various functions and events. Optometry students enjoy the following events throughout the year hosted by UIWRSO:

- New Student Orientation
- Welcome Back Event
- Student Activities Fair
- Career Fair
- Clinical Induction Ceremony
- EyeBall and Awards Banquet
- Graduation Banquet and Ceremony

Health Services

The UIW Health Center provides basic health services that focus on primary prevention care, health education and counseling, care for acute minor illnesses and injuries, and the maintenance of health records and assistance with the university insurance plan. The UIW Health Center is located on main campus (4301 Broadway, 78209) and is available to all registered students. UIWRSO students are required to carry medical insurance either through their own private plan or through the University Health Insurance Plan.

Student Disability Services

UIWRSO is committed to providing a supportive, challenging, diverse, and integrated environment for all students. In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, UIWRSO ensures reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities, who are able to meet the necessary functional standards for the practice of optometry. To initiate the process of seeking accommodations for a disability, the student should contact the UIWRSO Office of Student Affairs.

Main Campus Opportunities

Our professional optometry students are part of a larger university community. Within a quick 15 minute drive, our students can enjoy the use of:

- Division I Sporting events
- Fine Arts programs including theatre, concerts and speakers
- Intramural Sports
- Our Lady's Chapel
- Natatorium
- UIW Bookstore
- UIW Wellness Center

Please contact the Office of Student Affairs at 210.883.1190 for additional information on available student resources.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

UIWRSO encourages participation in student organizations and clubs, as an enhancement to the educational and professional growth component. Participation in these recognized student organizations provides opportunities in leadership, self-government, responsibility, special interest development, and peer collaboration.

With a strong commitment to each student's growth and professional development, UIWRSO supports the cost of membership to both state and national organizations including:

American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) The goals of AOSA are representation and welfare of optometry students, as well as promoting vision education to the public.

Student Texas Optometric Association (STOA) The mission of STOA is to improve academic and social environments, future as optometrists, to educate the student body and the community on current political issues relating to optometry.

American Academy of Optometry Student Chapter (AAO) is the major academic and research arm of organized optometry. Offering the most up-to-date clinical continuing education and vision research at the Annual Meeting and with the journal Optometry and Vision Science, the AAO upholds its mission of promoting the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning.

Student Government Association (SGA) serves to enhance communication between optometry students, faculty and administration for the purpose of unifying the student body.

Beta Sigma Kappa, International Optometric Honor Society (BSK) The purpose of BSK is to stimulate scientific attainment, academic excellence, and the ethical practice of optometry.

Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society The purpose of Gold Key is to recognize upper-class students who have demonstrated outstanding professional and ethical attitudes through leadership in their class, school and profession.

National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) is dedicated to increasing minority representation in optometry.

Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity (SVOSH) is a charitable organization dedicated to providing uncompensated eye care to the underprivileged.

Low Vision and Rehabilitation (LVR) The purpose of LVR is to increase knowledge of ocular disease, treatments, and aids of various ocular diseases.

Fellowship of Christian Optimetrists (FCO) provides pre-optometry and optometry students with a vehicle for spiritual growth and fellowship so that they may successfully combine their professional skills with mission work consistent with their Christian faith.

College of Optimetrists in Vision Development (COVD) The mission of COVD is to serve as an advocate for comprehensive vision care emphasizing a developmental and behavioral approach.

Sports Vision Club (SVC) provides opportunities for its student members to gain experience in vision care as it relates to various sports fields.

Contact Lens Society (CLS) is dedicated to extending contact lens interest and knowledge among students to thereby improving contact lens patient care.

Private Practice Club (PPC) is designed to help prepare UIWRSO students for entering private practice by introducing and exposing interested students to the business and practice management aspects of the profession.

Canadian Association of Optometry Students (CAOS) provides information and promotes activities for the Canadian student as they enter and continue their studies at UIWRSO.

American Society of Optometric Surgeons (ASOS) The main objectives of this Chapter are to raise awareness related to optometric scope of practice throughout the United States.

Spanish Optometric Society (SOS) The goal of this student organization is to help students learn to speak conversational and optometric Spanish in preparation for clinic rotations, mission trips, and beyond as student advance in their careers.



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

There are number of options available to assist UIWRSO students with financing their education. The majority of professional school students receive financial aid. Student loans, student employment, institutional scholarships, and outside scholarships are offered to help students cover their educational costs.

For most recent cost of attendance figures, please visit <https://optometry.uiw.edu/admissions/doctor-of-optometry/financial-assistance-and-scholarships.html>

Financing an optometric education is an important investment, therefore financial planning and debt management are essential as you begin your professional career. UIWRSO offers on site information sessions and individual financial assistance advising covering topics including financial aid, debt management and personal/family budgeting.

Student Loans

Each student is strongly encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually to assist in the financial aid process. The federal loan programs can be used to meet the full cost of attendance at UIWRSO to include tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, room and board. Completion of the FAFSA is necessary to provide access to Federal Unsubsidized Student Loans. Students may also consider borrowing through the Graduate (Grad) Plus Loan and Private Loan programs.

Student Employment

Students will often find work opportunities on-site at UIWRSO that fit around their class and lab schedules. Jobs are available in offices, the library, as tutors, after-hours labs, and even at the UIW Eye Institute Optical.



Scholarships

Enrolling students will often take advantage of both internal and external scholarships to help offset cost of attendance. Each student that is offered a seat in the program is automatically reviewed for internal scholarships following their interviews. Internal scholarship offers are also extended to 2nd – 4th year students based on academic, service, and leadership factors.

As students prepare for their 1st-4th years, they will be notified frequently of opportunities for external scholarships. These scholarships can range in amount from \$500 (professional conference travel grants) to \$50,000+ (competitive Military Health Professions Scholarship) annually. Students are encouraged to review the complete list of external scholarships by visiting <https://optometry.uiw.edu/admissions/doctor-of-optometry/financial-assistance-and-scholarships.html>

**Internal Scholarship
Awards Range From
\$1,000 - \$10,000**



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210-493-1688 | 800-598-1688
www.aptreloctr.com

SAN ANTONIO LIVING: APARTMENT LISTINGS

UIWRSO students enjoy countless housing options only minutes from campus. Take advantage of the complimentary Apartment and Relocation Center or consider the options that our current students have enjoyed. UIWRSO offers the following apartment list as simply a point of reference, and does not recommend or endorse a specific location for student housing. These apartment locations represent apartment rentals that UIWRSO students have recently relayed positive experiences.

Arrive Eilan

17803 La Cantera Terrace
San Antonio, TX 78257
210.640.2504

The District at Medical Center Preston Peak

5114 Medical Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229
210.294.4470

4114 Medical Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229
210.692.6000

SYNC at Arden Park

8638 Huebner Road
San Antonio, TX 78240
888.673.4630

Ascent Cresta Bella

19702 Bella Loma
San Antonio, TX 78256
210.904.2867

Firewheel Apartments

6155 Eckhert Road
San Antonio, TX 78240
210.404.7904

Reserve at Canyon Creek

12235 Vance Jackson Road
San Antonio, TX 78230
210.558.7335

Ventana Apartments

11020 Huebner Road
San Antonio, TX 78230
210.201.1429

Broadstone Oak Hills

7714 Louis Pasteur Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229
833.226.1664

The Mark Huebner Oaks

11138 Huebner Oaks
San Antonio, TX 78230
210.690.5000

Residences at La Cantera

6215 Via La Cantera
San Antonio, TX 78256
855.593.9040

The Village of Hampton Cove

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