

If you have been in practice for a number of years, you should consider the next step – challenge yourself personally and professionally to be the best that you can be.

The ACBO Fellowship credential is the ultimate evidence of professional excellence in Behavioural Optometry.

Becoming a Fellow takes you to the pinnacle of your career and provides recognition amongst your patients and peers. By becoming an ACBO Fellow, you are raising the clinical standard of optometry in Australasia.

*“The Fellowship process helped me to better understand the process of vision. Further, it gave me the opportunity to grow with and learn from my peers, and made me more confident in my clinical work, and my ability to explain my findings and treatments to my patients.”*

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## PROGRAM COSTS & MILESTONES

# THE ROAD TO ACBO FELLOWSHIP

### PAYMENT MILESTONES & DUE DATES

Registration	April 30 of Year 1	\$1500
Study Camp	October of Year 1	
Practical Assignment	April of Year 2	
Feedback & Revisions	June of Year 2	
Assessment Quiz	October of Year 2	\$1500
Panel Interview	October of Year 2	
Complete Project/Practicum	April of Year 3	
Graduation	At ACBO National Conference in July of Year 3	

### HOW TO APPLY

Go to the ACBO website at [www.acbo.org.au/events](http://www.acbo.org.au/events)  
Click on the Fellowship link in April  
Applications close on April 30 annually

### PROGRAM PARTNER:



## PREREQUISITES

- Must be a registered Optometrist
- Must be a financial ACBO member to commence the Fellowship program and retain the credential after graduation
- Must have completed
  - > the Masters unit in Behavioural Optometry at UNSW or
  - > All 4 courses in the OEPF Core Curriculum (Art & Science, VT1, VT2 & VT3) to apply.

## OEPF CLINICAL CURRICULUM

- Offers all optometrists an opportunity to discover how they can better serve their patients' unmet visual needs through alternative lens prescribing & vision therapy
- Consists of 4 courses:
  - The Art 'n' Science of Optometric Vision Care,
  - VT1 - Visual Dysfunctions,
  - VT2 - Learning Related Vision Problems,
  - VT3 - Strabismus & Amblyopia
- Minimum 2 – 3 years to complete core curriculum

## PROGRAM FEATURES

- Your choice of Fellowship Pathway
- Online delivery of some aspects of the course, reducing the need to travel
- Pay as you go. Payments are due in 2 tranches of \$1,500 AUD + gst:
  - > At enrolment in Year 1
  - > At Closed Book Exam in October of Year 2
- Flexible timeline

# THE FELLOWSHIP JOURNEY

## PATHWAY OPTIONS

New Fellowship Pathways have been developed to suit a variety of different circumstances & preferences. Candidates must choose their pathway at commencement and stick to it throughout their Fellowship journey.

### Pathway 1 – Project-based

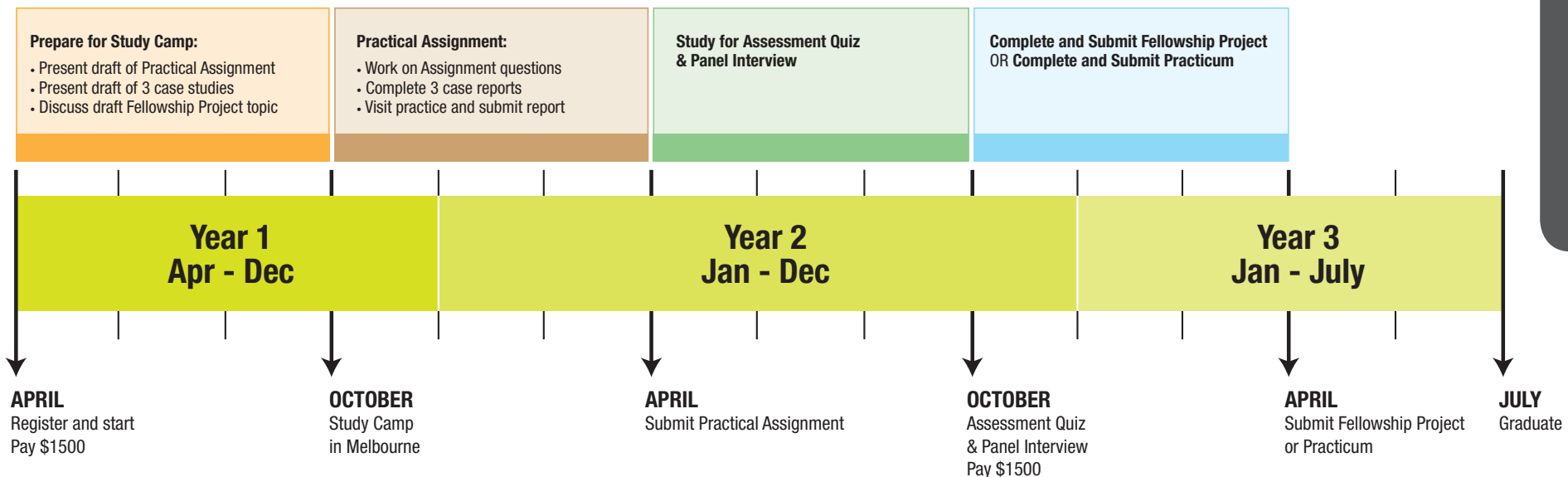
- Will appeal to the academically-inclined candidate
- The Fellowship Project is the centerpiece: Complete a literature review or a piece of original research as your project

OR

### Pathway 2 – Practicum-based

- Will appeal to those who prefer hands-on learning
- Complete a 50 hour Practicum including case studies, log book and practice visit reports

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM TIMELINE



*"The completion of my Fellowship has given me an understanding of the many options in treatment, and a greater fascination in my profession."*

ADRIAN BELL