

Founders Awardees - 1981-present

- 1981: Otto Wichterle
- 1984: Charles Bayshore & Irving Fatt
- 1985: Guaranteed Contact Lens, Co.: Anthony Leone, Leonard Bronstein, Joseph Seidner, Leonard Seidner, Edwin Gary, Norman Gaylord
- 1989: Robert W. Lester & Maurice G. Poster
- 1990: Newton K Wesley & George N. Jessen
- 1992: Solon M. "Bud" Braff
- 1993: Sheldon Wechsler
- 1994: Donald R. Korb
- 1995: Edward Goodlaw & Robert Koetting
- 1996: William E. Fleishman
- 1997: Robert Mandell
- 1998: Richard Hill
- 1999: Paul White
- 2000: Theodore Grosvenor
- 2001: Joseph Goldberg, Donald Bruckner, Robert Morrison, and Melvin Remba
- 2003: David Ewell
- 2004: Stanley Yamane
- 2005: Kyoichi Tanaka
- 2006: Neal J. Bailey & Irvin M. Borish
- 2007: Perry Rosenthal & Vistakon
- 2008: Morton K. Greenspoon
- 2009: John de Carle
- 2010: Nick Stoyan
- 2011: Center for Cornea & Contact Lens Research Unit / The Brien Holden Institute
- 2012: Lester E. Janoff
- 2013: Patrick J. Caroline, Craig Norman, and Mark P. Andre
- 2014: Jean-Louis Blanchard
- 2015: Phil Keefer
- 2016: Alan Tomlinson
- 2017: Lynette Johns
- 2018: Jerome Legerton
- 2019: Barry Eiden
- 2020: Michael G Harris
- 2021: Joseph T Barr
- 2022: William "Bill" Carter