

# *Knights Templar Endowed Professorships*

*The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (KTEF) **Endowed Professorship** must be consistent with the KTEF mission.*

*“to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care”*

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## **Purpose of Endowed Chair and Professorship:**

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Please review the following criteria to ensure that your institution meets the requirements of the Knights Templar Endowed Professorship Program.

## **Qualifications of Institution:**

- The recipient institution should have a national and international reputation as a premier academic school of medicine
- The recipient institution should have a national and international reputation specifically in pediatric ophthalmology, including research, training, education and patient care
- The institution must match the funds awarded by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (KTEF). for the Endowed Professorship, dollar for dollar
- The institution must communicate to the KTEF the name of the recipient to be awarded the endowment accompanied by a full biography of the recipient and a detailed explanation of why the recipient was selected by the institution

- The institution must guarantee that the KTEF endowment will be permanently ongoing and will be used exclusively for supporting research. This means that the endowment income may not be used for salary, department expenses, office expenses, etc.
  - Annually, as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the institution must issue to the KTEF a report on the activities of the named professor along with a detailed financial report showing the KTEF and the institutions contributions to the Endowment Fund
    - Reports are due in the KTEF office no later than July 15th. (Office address: *3201 Cross Timbers Road, Bldg 4, Suite 300, Flower Mound, TX, 75028*)
    - These reports are presented at the Knights Templar Eye Foundation annual board meeting the first week of August
  
- The institution must ensure that its endowment partnership with the KTEF is clearly and publicly visible, including:
  - Displaying, in a permanent manner in the institution the entity of the endowed KTEF professorship
  - The named Professor must publicize that he or she holds the KTEF Professorship when publishing or presenting material related to the endowed support
  
- The institution must acknowledge that the KTEF is sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar; a men's, Christian, Masonic Fraternal Organization. It is of the essence of any agreement that the institution permanently and publicly promote and publicize the endowment partnership. Should the mission of the institution change or should the institution fail to permanently and publicly promote and publicize the endowment partnership, the institution is in breach of the agreement. In the event of a breach of the agreement, the institution must immediately return any and all funds received by the institution to the KTEF.

### **Qualifications of named Professor:**

- The ophthalmologist awarded the named Professorship by the institution should be a senior faculty member recognized for his accomplishments in research, training, and leadership within Pediatric Ophthalmology