

Fellowship Description: Paediatric Ophthalmology

Location

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About the Fellowship:

The Queensland Children's Hospital Clinical Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Fellowship Program is a 12 months fully funded program where successful fellow candidates will be exposed to comprehensive medical and surgical paediatric ophthalmology including all sub specialties (Strabismus, Paediatric neuro-ophthalmology, Cataract, Cornea, Paediatric Vitreoretinal, Retinopathy of prematurity, Retinoblastoma, Uveitis, Paediatric glaucoma, Ocular genetics, Retinal electrophysiology and Low vision). You will be supervised by 18 fellowship trained Consultant Ophthalmologists and supported by an excellent team of Orthoptists, Optometrists, Ophthalmic Nurses, and Admin Team.

Fellowship Objectives:

The Clinical Paediatric Fellowship is offered as a sub-specialty fellowship for Australian and international candidates who are completing their specialty Ophthalmology training schemes and wish to pursue a career in clinical & academic Paediatric Ophthalmology. The fellowship will provide potential candidate comprehensive clinical & surgical experience in Paediatric ophthalmology & strabismus. The clinical components include outpatient clinics, surgery, and inpatient consultations to other medical services within the Queensland Children's Hospital.



This is a primarily clinically focused fellowship; however clinical research is strongly encouraged. It is expected that at least one research project is completed by the fellow during their fellowship training.

Clinical Duties:

On a weekly basis the fellow will attend 5 supervised clinics and 1 designated fellow only clinic. It is expected that the fellow discusses each clinical case with the responsible consultant about individual patient management plan, where possible.

There will be 2-3 operating sessions per week, each supervised by one of the Paediatric consultant supervisors. The fellow is expected to be familiar with the surgical case well before theatre and this generally includes attending pre-admission clinics. The fellow is expected to attend all postoperative cases whether he/she is the primary surgeon or assistant surgeon.

The fellow isn't rostered for after hours on call, but it is the expectation that fellow will be available to discuss cases with registrars, PHOs within normal working hours.

Research:

There are active research projects ongoing in multiple sub-specialty areas of Ophthalmology and this include, but not limited to:

- ROP AI & ROP telemedicine
- Retinal dystrophy registry
- Intermittent exotropia
- Amblyopia
- Retinoblastoma
- Paediatric low vision

The Fellow is encouraged to discuss appropriate research projects with the fellowship director and supervisor as soon as they commence the program.

The Fellow will be expected to present at least two papers relating to their current research at a local Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Ophthalmology annual conference and international ophthalmology conferences.

Teaching:

The fellow will be responsible for coordinating and assisting in teaching programs for training registrars, orthoptists, nurses, and other medical/ allied health professionals.

The fellow is expected to attend all didactic and case based weekly teaching sessions.

Annual Leave:

5 weeks paid annual leave per year plus public holidays.



Conference Leave:

1-week conference leave and 2-3 conference attendings will be approved. There is no specific funding allocated for attending conferences, but several sources are available.

Evaluation:

An evaluation after 2 months of the fellowship will be held to determine performance. A mid-term evaluation will also be held with the fellow to evaluate his or her performance and to give feedback regarding progress. Fellows are encouraged to provide feedback and express their comments on how their fellowship is progressing, including areas they would like to further develop.

Fellowship Duration: 1 year

Salary: This post is fully funded. The salary is paid at appropriate level in accordance with Queensland Health HR policy.

Weekly Duties

The Fellow is expected to be at clinical sites at a minimum of Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm regardless of clinical activities. Attendance on Saturday mornings 8:00am-10:30am may be required to review surgical/inpatient cases, or extra clinical activities.

All time not occupied by patient care responsibilities must be used to further academic pursuits such as research and teaching. Except in exceptional circumstances all absences from clinic and operating room duties must be cleared six weeks in advance.

Housing:

Unfortunately, no residence accommodation is available to support this post. However, accommodation is widely available in nearby suburb areas.

Application Process:

Applications are by CV and cover letter to Dr Shuan Dai at the above contacts. Please include with your CV an up-to-date surgical log. Fellowships normally run from either August to July, or February to January. Generally, fellow recruitment decisions are made approximately 12-18months prior to the start date. Interviews are conducted by video conference.

Medical Registration:

International fellow candidates are encouraged to apply. However, international medical graduates should note that they may not enroll in any program involving patient contact, nor practice medicine in Australia, unless they are registered by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).



This body is entirely independent of the universities. The AHPRA website may be found at <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>.

Completion of an Australian, New Zealand, North American or UK vocational registrar/residency program usually makes medical registration straightforward.

Those applicants whose medical school was not taught in English and who do not speak English as their native language must have the following minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores as per AHPRA requirements: the IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Occupational English Test (OET) are also accepted by AHPRA as alternatives to IELTS.

