



**THE UNIVERSITY  
OF ADELAIDE**  
AUSTRALIA



**Surgical Vitreo-Retinal Fellowship**  
**Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences**  
**Royal Adelaide Hospital**  
**University of Adelaide**

**Supervisors:**

Dr Henry Newland  
Dr Grant Raymond  
Dr Jagjit Gilhotra

**Duration:**

12 months  
*(can be extended in consultation with  
candidate and supervisor)*

**Commencement:**

1<sup>st</sup> July each year

**Salary:**

Negotiated according to skills and  
hours worked.

**On call:**

Remote, 2<sup>nd</sup> on-call 3 weeks in 4

## **Vitreo-Retinal Fellowship**

The fellowship provides extensive training in surgical retina with the ophthalmology Network (a tertiary referral centre) based at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Lyell McEwin Health Service. This is the largest eye department in South Australia and drains patients from all over the state. The fellow will get exposure to working with 3 subspecialty trained retinal surgeons and thus a variety of techniques.

### **Surgical Retina:**

There are two regular operating sessions per week with additional cases after hours. The fellow will get experience in retinal detachment surgery, macula surgeries, diabetic retinal surgeries, ocular trauma and management of post operative complications of ocular surgery including endophthalmitis, dropped lens matter, dislocated intraocular lenses.

The retinal surgeries are performed at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, and there is available 25g, 23g, 20g vitrectomies as well as a variety of bands including 5x75, 240x270 and number 42. Both hand held Landers lenses and BIOM wide field viewing systems are available.

In addition the fellow will get exposed to the use of a variety of buckles and techniques of retinal detachment repair. The department has available C3F8, SF6, 1300cs and 5000cs oil as well as both heavy liquid (Perfluorocarbon) and heavy oil (Oxandrolone HD). Thus the fellow is expected to gain comprehensive experience in surgical retina.

### **Research:**

There are several ongoing multicentre research trials which the fellow is expected to be involved in. There are in house trials and the fellow is expected to have an active role in the running of these trials.

The fellow is encouraged to develop further research projects in consultation with the supervisors.

### **Teaching:**

The fellow is expected to participate actively in teaching of the registrars and residents with one session of teaching per week. The fellow is also required to present cases at the Ophthalmology Grand Rounds and teaching sessions.

**Timetable:**

**Week 1 RAH - Week 4 QEH - Week 2 LMHS**

	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRID</b>
<b>AM</b>	QEH OPD	RAH OPD	LVC	RAH Laser OPD	RAH OPD
<b>PM</b>	LVC	RAH O.T.	RAH OT	RAH OT	IVI OPD

**Week 2 RAH - Week 1 QEH - Week 3 LMHS**

	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRID</b>
<b>AM</b>	QEH OPD	RAH OPD	LVC	RAH OPD	RAH OPD
<b>PM</b>	Research	RAH O.T.	Research	RAH Fellow OT	Retina/Research OPD

**Week 3 RAH - Week 2 QEH - Week 4 LMHS**

	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRID</b>
<b>AM</b>	QEH OPD	RAH OPD	QEH OPD	RAH Laser OPD	RAH OPD
<b>PM</b>	LVC	RAH O.T.	Research	RAH OT	IVI OPD

**Week 4 RAH - Week 3 QEH - Week 1 LMHS**

	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRID</b>
<b>AM</b>	Uveitis	RAH OPD	LVC	RAH OPD	RAH OPD
<b>PM</b>	Research	RAH O.T.	Research	RAH Fellow OT	Retina/Research OPD

**Sites:**

**Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH)**

North Terrace  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

**Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH)**

28 Woodville Road  
WOODVILLE SA 5015

**Lyell McEwin Health Service (LMHS)**

Haydown Road  
ELIZABETH VALE SA 5112

**Fellowship Application:**

Applications should be addressed to:

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**Important Note:** This position is usually booked at least two years in advance. Applications sent to the above postal address or email **will not** be considered unless the following minimum requirements are met:

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Graduate from an Ophthalmology Residency Program.

**Overseas Applicants:**

- Applicants that come from countries that English is not considered the first language must have passed an Academic **IELTS** with an overall score of no less than 7 and a minimum of 7 in each field. IELTS test results will not be considered if they are older than two years. (*Information regarding IELTS can be found on this site under Fellowships/Application information*).

**Applications must include:**

- An up-to-date CV (including surgical experience and/or logbook).
- A detailed cover letter stating the position being applied for, past work experience, research interests and future plans.
- Pass Academic IELTS with overall minimum score of 7 or equivalent proof of English skills.
- Two written references from medical supervisors.
- Names, addresses, telephone, fax and email addresses of 3 referees.
- Applicant's address and contact details, including telephone, fax and email.

Closing date for applications: 30<sup>th</sup> November each year.

The contact details of previous retinal fellows can be located on this website under "previous fellows/retinal"

