

Fellowship opportunities

Discipline of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences



The Discipline of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences offers a number of clinical and research fellowships each year encompassing the Royal Adelaide Hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Lyell McEwin Health Service.

The clinical fellowships are generally offered for a period of 12 months and visiting research fellowship durations are negotiable and at the discretion of the Chairman.

Available fellowships

Senior Registrar (5th Year)

The Senior Registrar is under the supervision of Dr Mark Chehade, Director of the Corneal & External Diseases Unit, at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Royal Adelaide Hospital.

In addition to building on and utilising comprehensive ophthalmology skills, the successful applicant will have exposure to the full range of medical anterior segment disease and participation in anterior segment surgery. There will however be no expectation of gaining competence in component transplantation. Training will also encompass managing ocular surface dysplasia and malignancy and management of complex cataract and glaucoma.

This is a demanding position under the supervision of three senior corneal consultants. In addition to supervised corneal theatre, there will be opportunities for the successful applicant to maintain existing phaco skills.

The successful applicant will supervise and provide support to junior medical staff to ensure a high standard of clinical practice in the department. An active contribution to regular teaching and tutorials is expected.

There will be three research sessions per month, during which the fellow will be required to develop and complete several research projects in conjunction with the supervisor. Funding for presentations at a scientific meeting is also available.

There is also the possibility of exposure to clinical trials and laboratory-based research projects.

Important information

Applications close: Expressions of interest accepted at any time

Next available start date: August 2020

Duration: 12 months

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Cataract and Refractive Surgery Fellowship

The fellowship is under the direction of Dr Michael Goggin at the Department of Ophthalmology, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. In total, the fellow is exposed to seven operating sessions per month, including his/her own list, based on the applicant's experience, and at least two excimer laser lists.

The fellow can expect training in pre-operative assessment, pre- and post-operative care in refractive surgery, refractive surgery techniques associated with clear lens and cataract surgery, ultra-small incision cataract surgery and premium intra-ocular lens techniques. Because of the private practice setting of excimer laser surgery in Australia, the fellow does not carry out excimer laser procedures, but assists and observes.

There will be two research sessions per week, during which the fellow will be required to develop and complete several research projects in conjunction with the supervisor. Funding for presentations at an international meeting is also available.

The fellow is expected to be involved in the teaching of training registrars through tutorials, in the OPD and theatre. There is also the possibility of exposure to laboratory based research projects.

When this position is available, it will be advertised on the [SA Health](#) website. If you wish to be placed on a mailing list for notification when the advertisement is placed, please send your expression of interest to eye@health.sa.gov.au

Comprehensive Fellowship

The Comprehensive Ophthalmology Fellowship is under the direction of Professor Dinesh Selva, [Associate Professor Henry Newland](#) and Professor Robert Casson at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Royal Adelaide Hospital and A/Prof Michael Goggin, Department of Ophthalmology, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

This Fellowship is a self-funded position, available to overseas doctors wishing to gain further experience in all areas of ophthalmology. The General Ophthalmic Fellow will begin the fellowship as an observer at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, whilst the consultants judge the level of experience and responsibility the fellow can handle. Observing will involve both clinical outpatients and theatre sessions. The program for this fellow is negotiable and depends on the interests of the person. The fellow will then be expected to run their own outpatient clinics.

There will be one research session per week, during which the fellow will be required to develop and complete several research projects in conjunction with the supervisors. Funding for presentations at an international meeting is also available. The fellow is expected to be involved in the teaching of training registrars through tutorials and the OPD theatre.

Applications for the Comprehensive Fellowship are ongoing. This is an unfunded position and applicants are accepted at the discretion of the discipline's senior clinical staff. Applicants will be notified at the time of their application if there are any vacancies available.

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Medical Retina Fellowship

The Medical Retina Fellowship is under the supervision of [Associate Professor Henry Newland](#), Dr Grant Raymond and Associate Professor Jagjit Gilhotra at the Retinal Unit in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Royal Adelaide Hospital, South Australia.

The department is a part of the general hospital, exposing the fellow to a broad range of eye conditions. There will be extensive experience in diabetic eye disease, vascular eye diseases and age-related macular degeneration. In addition, being part of a general hospital, one will get experience in infectious and immune diseases in relation to the eye.

The department is equipped with digital FFA, OCT and laser, including indirect laser. There will be extensive experience in retinal laser, with at least one laser clinic per week with urgent lasers as required.

The fellow is expected to report on all the FFAs in the department each week. In addition, intravitreal therapy is available.

The fellow is expected to do retinal clinics at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. There is also a combined Uveitis clinic with an immunologist and rheumatologist present.

Research: There are several ongoing, multi-centre 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.

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Oculoplastic and Adnexal Fellowship

This fellowship is under the direction of Professor Selva, Dr Davis and Dr Slattery at the Oculoplastic, Lacrimal and Orbital Unit in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Royal Adelaide Hospital. In total, the fellow is exposed to five operating sessions per week, including his/her own list. Hence, the fellow can expect a comprehensive training in lid, lacrimal and orbital surgery.

The fellow will be required to develop and complete several research projects, in conjunction with the supervisors. Funding for presentations at an international meeting is also available. The fellow is expected to be involved in the teaching of training registrars through tutorials and the OPD theatre.

There is also the opportunity to obtain experience in ocular oncology, as well as the possibility of rotations through the Plastics, ENT ([Professor Peter-John Wormald](#)) and Mohs Surgery (Dr Shyamala Huilgol) units. The fellow also has the option of accompanying consultants on Aboriginal Eye Health Clinics in remote South Australia and possibly on overseas teaching workshops.

Applications close: Expressions of interest accepted at any time
Next available start date: July 2020
Duration: 12 months

Surgical Retina Fellowship

The Surgical Retina Fellowship is under the supervision of Associate Professor Henry Newland, Associate Professor Jagjit Gilhotra, Dr Shane Durkin & Dr Weng Chan at the Retinal Unit in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Royal Adelaide Hospital, South Australia.

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

Research: There are several ongoing multi-centre research trials which the fellow is expected to be involved in. There are in-house clinical 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. Funding for presentations at international meetings is also available.

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.

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Visiting Research Fellowship

The Visiting Research Fellowship is under the direction of Professor Dinesh Selva and Professor Robert Casson at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Royal Adelaide Hospital.

It is a self-funded position available to overseas doctors wishing to gain further experience in research in ophthalmology. There will also be opportunities to observe both clinical outpatients and theatre sessions.

This is an unfunded position and applicants are accepted at the discretion of the SAIO Senior Clinical Staff.

Fellowship application process

Fellowships are advertised on the SA Health Careers website and interested applicants can apply online.

Overseas-trained doctors interested in applying for these positions, must be eligible for registration with AHPRA. Applications will not be accepted without proof of [English proficiency](#), as required by AHPRA.

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