

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 and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals 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 Senior Clinical staff.

Available fellowships

Senior Registrar

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 diseases and participate in cornea and anterior segment surgery. Training will also encompass managing ocular surface dysplasia and malignancy in addition to management of complex cataract and glaucoma.

This is a demanding position under the supervision of four 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 also 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. Please send email to eye@health.sa.gov.au

Next available start date:

February 2026

Duration: 12 months

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Medical Retina Fellowship

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

The department is a part of the Royal Adelaide and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, 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/ICG, OCT and laser, including indirect laser. Widefield imaging is available. 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 FFA and ICGs 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 present. There is also exposure to oncology.

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 actively participate 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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Surgical Retina Fellowship

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

The fellowship provides extensive training in surgical retina with the Ophthalmology Network (a tertiary referral centre), based at the Royal Adelaide and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals. 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 four subspecialty-trained retinal surgeons and thus a variety of techniques. Hence, the fellow can expect a comprehensive training in surgical retina. There is also exposure to medical retina, uveitis, paediatric retina and oncology.

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 actively participate 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 Dinesh Selva, Dr Garry Davis and Dr James 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 and Mohs Surgery units.

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PhD Programmes

A number of exciting, world-leading PhD research projects, including lab-based, clinical, digital health and epidemiological projects are available. For further information or to express interest in the PhD programmes, please contact Professor Robert Casson on robert.casson@adelaide.edu.au

Cataract and Refractive Surgery Fellowship

The fellowship is under the direction of A/Prof 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](http://SAHealth.gov.au) website. If you wish to be notified when the advertisement is placed, please send your **expression of interest** to:

Rebecca Anderson
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 phone: 8222 7473

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 senior clinical staff.

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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.

For further information and to lodge expressions of interest for Royal Adelaide Hospital positions, please contact:

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