

University of Ottawa Eye Institute
Research Fellowship in
Cornea/External Disease, Anterior Segment, and Refractive Surgery
2013-2014

- Duration:** 52 weeks: Tuesday, July 2, 2013 – Friday, June 27, 2014
- Positions:** 1-2
- Supervisors:** Kashif Baig, MD, MBA (Fellowship Director)
- Application:** Interested and qualified applicants should submit a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, medical school transcript, and three confidential reference letters to Ginette Snook. Foreign medical graduates must contact Ginette Snook regarding the application process, which involves the Postgraduate Medical Education Office. Applications for the 2013-14 year are due at 4pm EST on Friday, March 15, 2013. Interview notifications will be emailed to applicants by Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. A selection decision will be made by Thursday, March 28, 2012.
- Description:** The University of Ottawa Eye Institute offers an active and demanding one-year pre- or post-residency research fellowship in Cornea/External Disease, Anterior Segment, and Refractive Surgery. This is a research fellowship that can offer some clinical experience if proof of medical insurance is provided. The Fellow will have the opportunity to lead a number of studies developed by the corneal team. They will also be encouraged to design and carry out studies of their own interest after approval from the Fellowship Director. The Fellow will be provided with office space and will become a member of the research study team for all on-going studies in the cornea division. In addition, the Fellow will assist residents and other fellows on their research projects. They will also be given the opportunity to attend professor rounds, grand rounds, resident teaching sessions, and other departmental academic activities.
- Objectives:**
- To develop expertise in clinical research through design, implementation, and publication.
 - To gain a better understanding of current research in Cornea/External Disease, Anterior Segment, and Refractive Surgery.
 - To improve medical knowledge in Ophthalmology.
 - To improve ophthalmic clinical skills through clinical duties/observation (if applicable).
- Location:** Research and clinical research activities will predominantly take place at the University of Ottawa Eye Institute at the Ottawa Hospital (General Campus), the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), and the University of Ottawa Medical School. The Eye Institute, CHEO, and the Medical School are all housed within the Ottawa Health Sciences Centre, a single medical campus located on Smyth Road. Educational opportunities may also arise at the Eye Care Centre (Riverside Campus) located very close to the General Campus.
- Research:** The Cornea and Refractive Surgery Faculty is involved with multiple clinical trials on an ongoing basis. The Fellow will be expected to be first author on several major research projects. The Fellow is expected to present at a major Ophthalmology meeting (AAO, ASCRS, ESCRS, EuCornea, Asia Cornea, COS, etc.) and to submit manuscripts for publication in an Ophthalmology journal. The Fellow will also present at the University of Ottawa Department of Ophthalmology Annual Research Day. Access to the latest Ophthalmology journals will be available online.

Conference: Conference leave must be approved by the Fellowship Director. Conference time may be taken if the Fellow is presenting at the meeting.

Vacation: Two weeks + time off for residency interviews (if applicable)

Evaluations: Formal evaluations of the Fellow's progress in the fellowship will be performed by the Fellowship Director every four months. The dates of the evaluations are Tuesday, October 22, 2013; Tuesday, February 25, 2014; and Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

Funding: The Fellow is encouraged to secure their own financial support (grants, scholarships, etc.). Additional funding may be provided by the University of Ottawa Eye Institute through an unrestricted educational grant. Funding for research (including associated conference leave) is available on a competitive process through the University of Ottawa Medical Research Fund.

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