Pre-Residency Fellowship Programs

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West Coast Region

University of Utah, John A Moran Eye Center
http://medicine.utah.edu/ophthalmology/research/primary/mamalis_werne.php

Ophthalmic Pathology Fellowship
Dr. Nick Mamalis & Dr. Liliana Werner

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The fellow will work under Dr. Nick Mamalis and Dr. Liliana Werner. He/she will learn the basics of both the gross and microscopic evaluation of ophthalmic histopathology specimens submitted to the laboratory. In addition, the fellowship involves both basic and clinical ophthalmic research. Fellows are involved in multiple projects involving cataract surgery, intraocular lenses, and anterior segment surgery in general. Research projects are performed using cadaver eyes as well as animal eyes. Clinical research opportunities involve various clinical studies in areas as diverse as cataract surgery adjunct treatments, intraocular lenses, dry eyes, and ocular inflammation. In addition, the fellows are involved in ongoing research projects regarding the analysis of postoperative endophthalmitis/inflammation as well as ongoing studies of complications of foldable intraocular lenses.

Applicants should either have an MD or DO degree. In addition to your resume which you may have already forwarded, please send the following: a personal statement, three letters of reference, US-MLE steps 1, 2, or 3 scores, and any ECFMG certificates if applicable. If it is more convenient, you may simply forward your central application match packet. This fellowship is a wonderful opportunity to gain valuable knowledge in ophthalmology as well as to obtain publications which would help to prepare for an ophthalmology residency program. The basic stipend is approximately $30,000 per year. However, the fellows will do preoperative physical examinations on surgical patients and may have an opportunity to work with Utah Lion’s Eye Bank.
Smith Kettlewell Eye Research Institute
http://ski.org/General/Fellowships/General/education.html

Low Vision and Eye Movements Pre-Residency Fellowship

Contact: Information will be posted under Vacancies on San Francisco Match when available

The Smith-Kettlewell Fellowship Program consists of pre- and post-doctoral fellowships in basic, clinical and rehabilitation research relating to the areas of interest of the Program Preceptors. The Fellowship Program consists of postdoctoral fellowships funded by the Rachel C. Atkinson endowment and the C.V. Starr Scholarship Fund at Smith-Kettlewell and available to citizens of any country. The research may be conducted in the fields of visual neuroscience, strabismus and amblyopia and motor and sensory rehabilitation under the guidance of the preceptors.

California Pacific Medical Center
http://www.cpmc.org/services/eye/education/fellowships/default.html

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The department offers a 4-12 month long fellowship in ophthalmologic research. The pre-residency research fellow, in conjunction with the faculty at California Pacific Medical Center may design studies in clinical or basic science research. Support for projects and research travel is provided by the department through the Pacific Vision Foundation.

Further information will be posted under Vacancies on San Francisco Match when they become available
Ohio State University, Havener Eye Institute
http://eye.osu.edu/education/preresidency/index.cfm

Ophthalmology Pre-residency Fellowship
Alan Letson, MD

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The goal, by concentrating on developing medical knowledge, clinical skill development, case presentation, and scholarly activity including research and publication, is to provide an alternative path for a candidate who could benefit from an extra year of ophthalmologic education and training, resulting in a successful residency matriculation and training/passage of board certification.

The curriculum will include 15-20 hours per week of ophthalmic knowledge acquisition utilizing the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s Basic and Clinical Science Course textbooks, departmental didactics/lectures, conferences, grand rounds, and journal clubs. Clinical skills development, 15-20hrs per week, will include subspecialty rotations, participation in on-site clinical rotations and electronic medical record (EMR) utilization. EyeSi surgical simulation for anterior and posterior segment surgeries will be included.

Application:
CV
Official USMLE Step 1 and 2 scores
Undergraduate Transcript
Medical School Transcript
3 Letters of Recommendation
MSPE/Dean’s Letter
Statement as to how/why this program may help you
(1 page max)

You can submit the above material separately OR you may submit your SF Match application along with the MSPE and statement.
Case Western Reserve University
http://case.edu/med/ophthalmology/BasicResearch/IPikulevaResearch.html

Paid Residency Research Position for work on Retinal Cholesterol Metabolism projects
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One project involves ophthalmic characterization of different knockout mice. Candidate will gain experience in various ophthalmic techniques such as optical coherence tomography, electroretinography, and immunohistochemistry as well as have the opportunity of presenting work at ARVO. The second project represents a clinical study elucidating whether levels of cholesterol in the aqueous humor correlate with those in the circulation and can serve as a marker for age-related macular degeneration.

The candidate must be a US citizen and hold and MD or PhD degree.

University of Iowa Health Care
www.uihealthcare.org/eyepathfellowship

Eye Pathology Fellowship
Nasreen Seyid, MD

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The Ophthalmic Pathology fellowship at the University of Iowa is a one-year pre- or post-residency fellowship emphasizing both clinical and research training and is based in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.
The clinical component provides a broad experience in the field of ophthalmic pathology. The F.C. Blodi Eye Pathology Laboratory has a long tradition at the University of Iowa. We are the only ophthalmic pathology laboratory in Iowa and are a referral center for surrounding areas. The laboratory volume is about 800 clinical specimens per year.

Clinical responsibilities in the Eye Pathology Laboratory are geared toward the fellow. There is always a first year ophthalmology resident rotating through the laboratory, however, their primary role is one devoted to learning. The fellow would be expected to participate in gross and microscopic examination of all types of specimens received in the lab and in daily sign out of the cases. The fellow will also assist with resident teaching and lectures. There is no formal call duty for nights and weekends for the fellow. The fellow may be responsible for frozen section call as needed.

University of Miami, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
http://bascompalmer.org/physician-resources/residency-and-fellowship-programs/ophthalmic-pathology-fellowship

Ophthalmic Pathology Fellowship

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The Bascom Palmer Eye Institute offers a one year funded fellowship in ophthalmic pathology. The fellow will evaluate all specimens that are received in the laboratory and will be expected to engage in new and ongoing research projects. Graduates of accredited programs in ophthalmology or pathology as well as pre-residency candidates will be considered. Please download our fellowship application online and return it to Kathy Corser with the required supporting documents.