Thank you for your interest regarding our fellowship position. It covers ophthalmic pathology and anterior segment research as detailed below. If you are interested in this one-year fellowship then please proceed as detailed in the letter and send your application in January of 2016 for the fellowship beginning in June of 2016 through June of 2017.

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.

The fellows have a chance to spend time in the ophthalmology clinics as well as assisting in ophthalmic surgeries. During this one-year fellowship position, the fellow may attend any departmental lectures, conferences, and grand rounds. There is ample opportunity for publications during the one-year fellowship.

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 us 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. If you like to apply for our program or have any additional questions, please contact our assistant, Anna.

Sincerely yours,

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