

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN & RED CROSS WAR MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Applications open for Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus Fellowship

Location Cape Town, South Africa

Duration **12 months**

(3, 6, or 9 month Advanced Sub-specialty Training Opportunities may be negotiated)

Hours **Full-time**

After-hours **No on-call commitments**

Salary **Not funded**

Applications are invited for Fellowships attached to the Paediatric Ophthalmology Department at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital.

Fellows work under the supervision of two, full-time Paediatric Ophthalmologists, Dr Christopher Tinley and Dr Nicola Freeman and alongside the University of Cape Town Ophthalmology registrar.

Two Fellowship posts are available:

- 1) Clinical Fellowship (clinical + surgery)
- 2) Clinical + Research Fellowship (clinical + research + limited surgery)

This fellowship opportunity is intended for those with an interest in developing their expertise in paediatric ophthalmology at a more senior level.

Competencies (knowledge/skills):

- Ability to communicate in English
- Applicants should have completed their higher surgical training in ophthalmology
- Candidates for the clinical fellowship are expected to have extensive cataract surgical experience and be able to routinely perform phacoemulsification surgery unsupervised

Duties (key result areas/outputs):

1) Clinical Fellowship:

- Patient management (medical and surgical care) of children with paediatric ophthalmological disorders, specifically strabismus, congenital cataract, glaucoma, retinoblastoma and retinopathy of prematurity
- Services are provided for in-patient and out-patient care in a paediatric setting
- Participation in the academic program of the University of Cape Town Division of Ophthalmology, and teaching at various levels (undergraduates, ophthalmology registrars and other health care professionals)
- Competent quality of care, including clinical administration and audit

Availability:

The next post for this position is available from **September 2020**

2) Clinical + Research Fellowship:

- During their time, fellows will be expected to conduct clinical research for the purposes of publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Patient management (medical care) of children with paediatric ophthalmological disorders, specifically strabismus, congenital cataract, glaucoma, retinoblastoma and retinopathy of prematurity. Although the research fellow would be exposed to and assist in surgery, actual surgical training opportunities would be limited.
- Services are provided for in-patient and out-patient care in a paediatric setting
- Participation in the academic program of the University of Cape Town Division of Ophthalmology, and teaching at various levels (undergraduates, ophthalmology registrars and other health care professionals)
- Competent quality of care, including clinical administration and audit

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***NB The successful candidate will be required to be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and be in possession of a valid visa.**

The process of HPCSA registration can take up to 12 months.

Please apply for this position online by sending a copy of your CV to christopher.finley@uct.ac.za, and include a brief paragraph (<200 words) describing how the fellowship would benefit you and your sending institution.

The Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital is currently South Africa's only dedicated child health institution and offers a comprehensive range of specialist paediatric services. It is a centre of excellence for the training of all categories of child health professionals.

Patients from all nine provinces of South Africa and from all over Africa are referred to the Hospital. The hospital is active in paediatric outreach and support programmes across South Africa.

http://childrenshospitaltrust.org.za/category/red_cross_war_memorial_childrens_hospital/history/