

Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital

Honorary Mabs Melville Corneal Fellowship

Position Description

About

The Sydney Eye Hospital, established in 1882, is the largest eye hospital in the southern hemisphere. The hospital was originally the ophthalmic department of the old Sydney 'Infirmary' (Sydney Hospital), which was founded with the settlement of the Colony in 1788.

In 2022, Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital (SSEH) is now a major public hospital specialising in Ophthalmology, Hand Surgery, Drug & Alcohol and Sexual Health within the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD). Other specialty services include General Medicine and ENT. There is also a separate Eye Emergency Department as well as a General Emergency Department.

The Hospital has a long-standing reputation for treating the highest acuity and complex patient loads, attracting referrals on a state-wide and national basis.

The Hospital is a teaching hospital with an onsite ophthalmic academic unit for Sydney University and has academic associations with the University of NSW and the University of Technology, Sydney.

Honorary Mabs Melville Corneal Fellowship

Mabs Melville (1918-2014) was born into an American philanthropic family in New York. Her mother was a granddaughter of Ezra Cornell, New York philanthropist, politician and co-founder of the Cornell University. Following this family tradition, generosity for supporting genuine causes became second nature for the rest of her long life living in New York, Hawaii and Australia. Mabs was a private person who never sought public recognition in her lifetime. One of her major bequests was to the Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation for perpetual ophthalmic treatment of patients at Sydney Eye Hospital. The Foundation honours this generous gift through the Honorary Mabs Melville Corneal Fellowship.

Position Details

Position Title:	Honorary Mabs Melville Corneal Fellowship
Reports To:	Director of Clinical Services and Unit Head
Responsible For (Staff):	Fellow is not responsible for staff but is involved in both formal and informal teaching of Registrars, Residents, Medical students and Allied Health Professionals.
Division:	Clinical Services
Unit:	Ophthalmology
Award:	Funded externally by Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation with a stipend of \$55,000 PA
Location:	Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital is located on the same campus at 8 Macquarie Street – Sydney NSW 2000.

Fellowship Overview

The Corneal Fellows will work with the following corneal surgeons:

- Prof Stephanie Watson (Corneal Unit Head & Fellow Supervisor)
- Dr Con Petsoglou (Fellow Relief Supervisor)
- Dr Yves Kerdraon
- Dr Alexander Hamilton
- Dr Tanya Trinh
- Dr Season Yeung
- Dr Luke Northey

- There will be a cataract and IOL component to the Fellowship and liaison will occur with the Head of the IOL Unit Dr Robert McDonald (Intraocular Implant Unit Head and Principal Fellow co-supervisor, IOL on timetable).

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Work as part of, and contribute to a multi-disciplinary team
- Provide assistance to registrars in the day to day care of inpatients
- Provide assistance to the Outpatient Clinic
- Provide assistance to Acute Ophthalmic Service (AOS)
NOTE: AOS clinic provides follow-up for patients who have been referred from the Eye Emergency department. Participation in this clinic provides fellows with the opportunity to organise and triage their own subspecialty referrals, and to maintain their clinical skills in other ophthalmic subspecialties.
- Attend operating sessions (under the supervision of the attending Ophthalmologist)
- Provide assistance to the Eye Emergency Department to assess ophthalmic problems and advise on care (under the supervision of the attending Ophthalmologist)
- Attend all relevant Clinical Meetings
- Participation in Grand Rounds and Ophthalmic Teaching Sessions
- Participate in clinical and laboratory research activities
- Participation in the Postgraduate Teaching Program organised by the Corneal Unit
- Participation in Clinical Risk Management
- Teaching and supervising of Ophthalmic Registrars/Residents in wards, clinics, operating
- To remain on the on-call roster for after-hours (for duration of Fellowship)
- To fulfil duties as outlined in the position description.
- Compliance with all legislative, policy/protocol requirements in relation to SSEH.
- Provide a report upon the completion of your Fellowship outlining your experience.
- To exercise independent judgement initiative and problem solving skills, in consultation with supervising medical staff as needed.
- Fellow may require affiliation with the University of Sydney, through research undertaken at the Save Sight Institute (SSI) located at 8 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW.

Main Goals and Objectives

- Develop strong working relationships with a multidisciplinary workforce.
- Understand and be committed to organisational mission and goals.
- Ensure a high standard of medical care and documentation for all patients.
- Acquire the knowledge and skills required for critical assessment of the research literature and to become a productive clinical investigator.

Key Performance Areas

- The Fellow has a nominated Supervisor, The Head of the Corneal Unit, who will undertake quarterly performance assessment and review.
- This includes the assessment of clinical skills and knowledge base, clinical judgement, decision making, emergency skills, procedural skills, communication, teamwork and professional responsibility.

We expect our Fellows by completion of the one-year fellowship to:

- Complete between 40-60 corneal transplant surgical cases in the year and will assist in a further 25-50 cases. They will be competent in independently corneal and ocular surface disorders, including trauma, infections, keratoconus, and surgical complications.
- Complete approx. 50 cataract procedures and assist in approx. 50 cataract procedures, and be competent in other aspects of anterior segment surgery, including managing complicated cataract extraction and the surgical complications, insertion of various implants, lamellar corneal surgery, and collagen cross-linking.
- Be competent in interpretation of corneal imaging, including corneal topography, confocal microscopy and ultrasound bio microscopy.
- Acquire skills in research including preparing research findings for publication and presentation and in the conduct of clinical trials

Induction Training

All new Fellows that commence at the beginning of the Clinical Year will attend Junior Medical Officer (JMO) Orientation that is conducted by the Hospital's Medical Administration in addition to individual orientation provided by the Clinical Supervisor. Fellows that commence in July will need to liaise with SEHF Fellowship Coordinator to organise the following training:

- Pharmacy Orientation
- Medical Records Orientation
- Basic Life Support (BLS) Training
- eMR Training & Support
- Fire & Internal Emergency Training
- PPE Testing
- Mask Fit Testing

Indicative Fellow Timetable

Changes in the timetable may occur to accommodate required clinical activities. Please note Fellows will also review patients in emergency, AOS and for clinical trials throughout the week.

Day	Time	Activity
Monday	AM	Clinic (CP)
	PM	Clinic (TT, LN) Clinic (IOL)
Tuesday	AM	Theatre (CP) – Fortnightly
	PM	Theatre (TT) – Fortnightly
Wednesday	AM	- Clinical Trials - Admin
	PM	Clinic (SW)
Thursday	AM	- Theatre (SW) – Fortnightly - Cataract List (IOL Unit)
	PM	Theatre (SW, AH, LN)
Friday	AM	Theatre (SY) – Monthly
	PM	- KPro Clinic – Monthly - Theatre (YK) - Monthly
Saturday	AM	Ward Round Post-Ops

The position holder agrees to work in accordance with the requirements of the position and accepts to comply with policies and procedures of the Area Health Service/GP Practice.

Applicant Signature

NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

Supervisor Signature

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