

**Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital**

**Honorary  
Professorial (Uveitis)  
Fellowship**

**Position Description  
(January – December)**

## 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 2023, 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 Professorial (Uveitis) Fellowship

Anyone can get uveitis but it is a relatively uncommon condition. In Australia, it affects around 20 people per 100,000 each year. Uveitis is the third leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide.

The Professorial unit provides clinical services in the areas of inflammatory eye disease, medical retina, neuro-ophthalmology and genetically determined eye disease.

The selected Fellow participates in 30 outpatient clinics and 2 operating sessions per four-week cycle. This includes both complex uveitis cataract and glaucoma surgery.

## Position Details

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

## Fellowship Overview

Main Duties and Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Work as part of, and contribute to a multi-disciplinary team</li><li>- Provide assistance to registrars in the day to day care of inpatients</li><li>- Provide assistance to the Outpatient Clinic</li><li>- Provide assistance to Acute Ophthalmic Service (AOS) <i>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.</i></li><li>- Attend operating sessions (under the supervision of the attending Ophthalmologist)</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide assistance to the Eye Emergency Department to assess ophthalmic problems and advise on care (under the supervision of the attending Ophthalmologist)</li> <li>- Attend all relevant Clinical Meetings</li> <li>- Participation in Grand Rounds and Ophthalmic Teaching Sessions</li> <li>- Participate in clinical and laboratory research activities</li> <li>- Participation in the Postgraduate Teaching Program organised by the Professorial Unit</li> <li>- Participation in Clinical Risk Management</li> <li>- Teaching and supervising of Ophthalmic Registrars/Residents in wards, clinics, operating</li> <li>- To remain on the on-call roster for after-hours (for duration of Fellowship)</li> <li>- To fulfil duties as outlined in the position description.</li> <li>- Compliance with all legislative, policy/protocol requirements in relation to SSEH.</li> <li>- Provide a report upon the completion of your Fellowship outlining your experience.</li> <li>- To exercise independent judgement initiative and problem solving skills, in consultation with supervising medical staff as needed.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Main Goals and Objectives</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop strong working relationships with a multidisciplinary workforce.</li> <li>- Understand and be committed to organisational mission and goals.</li> <li>- Ensure a high standard of medical care and documentation for all patients.</li> <li>- Acquire the knowledge and skills required for critical assessment of the research literature and to become a productive clinical investigator.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Performance Areas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Fellow has a nominated Supervisor, The Head of the Professorial Unit, who will undertake quarterly performance assessment and review.</li> <li>- This includes the assessment of clinical skills and knowledge base, clinical judgement, decision making, emergency skills, procedural skills, communication, teamwork and professional responsibility.</li> <li>- The Fellow will have extensive exposure to widefield digital angiography, OCT, AngioOCT, laser and intravitreal injections, as well as electrophysiology and reporting.</li> <li>- The research content of the post will include being a sub investigator for Retinal clinical trials.</li> <li>- Uveitis Fellow will participate in Research Clinics with Professor Mark Gillies and A/Professor Samantha Fraser-Bell, gaining valuable experience in both in-house and international multi-centre clinical trials.</li> <li>- The Fellow will also participate in uveitis clinical research projects during the year with the expectation that one to three manuscripts will be generated.</li> </ul>
<b>Induction Training</b>
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pharmacy Orientation</li> <li>- Medical Records Orientation</li> <li>- Basic Life Support (BLS) Training</li> <li>- eMR Training &amp; Support</li> <li>- Fire &amp; Internal Emergency Training</li> <li>- PPE Testing</li> <li>- Mask Fit Testing</li> </ul>

## Indicative Timetable

Note: Fellows will also review patients in emergency and for clinical trials throughout the week

Day	Time	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Monday	AM	AOS – Uveitis	AOS – Uveitis	AOS – Uveitis	AOS – Uveitis
	PM	EPC	Research	EPC	Research
Tuesday	AM	MRC – Gillies	MRC – Gillies	MRC – Gillies	MRC – Gillies
	PM	MRC – Gillies	MRC – Gillies	MRC – Gillies	MRC – Gillies
Wednesday	AM	UVC	UVC	UVC	UVC
	PM	UVC	OT	UVC	OT
Thursday	AM	GC	GC	GC	GC
	PM	NOCF	NOCF	NOCF	NOCF
Friday	AM	MRC – SFB	MRC – SFB	MRC – SFB	MRC – SFB
	PM	Research	Research	Research	Research

## Timetable Key

**AOS Uveitis** – Review and investigation of acute presentations of all uveitis presentations to the hospital prior to review in Uveitis Clinic

**OT** – Operating Theatre

**EPC** – Electrophysiology Clinic

**GC** - Glaucoma Clinic with Professor Grigg

**NOCF** – Neuro-Ophthalmology clinic with Associate Professor Clare Fraser

**UVC** – Uveitis Clinic with Professor McCluskey

**MRC** – Medical retina clinic with Professor Gillies and Associate Professor Fraser-Bell (**SFB**)

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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