



Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital

**Honorary
Medical Retinal
Fellowship**

Position Description August 2027

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 'Infirmity' (Sydney Hospital), which was founded with the settlement of the Colony in 1788.

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 Medical Retinal Fellowship

The Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation Medical Retinal Fellowship offers extensive experience in the management of retinal diseases, including diabetic eye disease, vascular eye diseases, age-related macular degeneration and inherited retinal dystrophies. The clinical sessions are undertaken in clinics organised by the Medical Retinal and Uveitis Service. The proposed training will allow the Fellow to acquire a level of professional expertise and clinical research activities in Medical Retina and Uveitis.

Position Details

Position Title:	Honorary Medical Retinal 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 (SSEH) is located at 8 Macquarie Street – Sydney NSW 2000.

Fellowship Overview

Medical Retinal Fellows will work with the following consultants:

- Prof Mark Gillies
- Prof Samantha Fraser-Bell
- Dr Christine Younan
- Dr Robert Chong
- Prof Peter McCluskey
- Dr Richard Symes
- Dr Sophia Zagora

- Prof John Grigg
- A/Prof Elisa Cornish

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
NOTE: Most of the fellowship is spent in the outpatient clinic working under the supervision of the Ophthalmologists.
- 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 Medical Grand Rounds and Ophthalmic, including Retinal, Teaching Sessions.
- Participate in clinical and laboratory research activities.
- 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.
- Participate in Research Clinics both in house and international multi-centre clinical trials
- Provide an appropriate handover to the next arriving Medical Retina Fellow.
- 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.
- The Fellow is encouraged to undertake projects of their own in consultation with their consultants.

Key Performance Areas

- The Fellow has a nominated Supervisor 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:**
- Have extensive exposure to retinal angiography, Optical Coherence Tomography, retinal laser, and intravitreal injections.
 - Be able to audit the unit's outcomes using FRB! Software.

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

Supervision and Indicative Timetable		
	YES	NO
At all times during normal working hours, the Fellow will have a more senior doctor on site available to help. i.e., In-hours, the Fellow is <u>never</u> the most senior doctor on site.	✓	
If the Fellow will be working after hours, on call or overnight, there will always be a more senior doctor on site available to help. i.e., After-hours, the Fellow is <u>never</u> the most senior doctor on site.*		✓
The applicant is expected to supervise junior medical staff.	✓	
The applicant will be expected to do retrieval work.		✓

*Not expected to take calls after 9pm when on call, offsite supervision available until 9pm.

WEEK 1 & 3	Mon AM	PM	Tues AM	PM	Wed AM	PM	Thurs AM	PM	Fri	PM
MEETINGS			LAB MDS		UVEITIS M		RC/VR			
CLINIC/OT	MR OT (JW/RS)	RESEARCH	MG	MG LASER CLINIC	UVEITIS	AOS	RC	MR clinic	SFB	SFB then Research
WEEK 2 & 4	Mon AM	PM	Tues AM	PM	Wed AM	PM	Thurs AM	PM	Fri	PM
MEETINGS			LAB MDS		UVEITIS M		RC/VR			
CLINIC/OT	RESEARCH	RESEARCH	MG	MG then Research	UVEITIS	UVEITIS	RC	MR clinic	SFB	SFB then Research

- Indicative timetable that may be subject to change. Meetings are via Zoom platform & the Fellow is regularly involved with preparing.
- Sydney Eye Hospital has teaching across all Ophthalmic specialties most days of the week, to which the Fellow is welcome to attend.
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- LAB MDS – Lab Multi-D Seminars (Gillies Lab/MR clinical team/VR team)
- UVEITIS M – UVEITIS/RHEUMATOLOGY/ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY Meeting
- RC/VR – informal teaching before clinic with Dr Robert Chong and the VR (Dr Ho) team
- AOS – Acute Ophthalmic Service (Outpatients)
- OT – Operating list (Cataract surgery) with either James Wong or Richard Symes
- MR clinic – Medical retina clinic (Consultant covered)
- MG – Prof Gillies MR clinic
- RC – Dr Robert Chong MR clinic
- SFB – Prof Sam Fraser-Bell MR clinic
- UVEITIS – MR & Uveitis clinic with Dr Zagora, Dr Younan, Dr Symes & A/Prof Cornish

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		
NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE