

## **OPHTHALMIC PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY FELLOWSHIP**

University of Washington  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Seattle, Washington

### **Duration:**

The fellowship is for two years (July 7, 2009- July 6, 2011).

### **Prerequisites:**

The applicant must have satisfactorily completed an accredited residency in ophthalmology prior to beginning the fellowship. Applicant must be a US citizen.

### **Medical License:**

Full medical licensure in the State of Washington is a condition of employment. The cost is \$325.00. The application will be handled through the Department of Ophthalmology. It is essential that the incoming fellow be licensed no later than May 1.

### **Additional Requirements:**

It is anticipated that the fellow, during or immediately following completion of the fellowship, will submit a thesis for membership in the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS) and then publish it.

### **Salary:**

Salary will be at the University of Washington PGY-5 level for year one and at the PGY-6 level for year two. Three weeks of paid vacation are available annually. "Moonlighting" is not acceptable.

### **Preceptors:**

James C. Orcutt, MD, PhD  
AJ Amadi, MD

James Hargiss, MD  
Robert Tower, MD

Kristin Tarbet, MD

### **Description of the Fellowship:**

This fellowship fulfills the requirements of, and has been approved by, the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Inc.

Responsibilities involve all aspects of functional and cosmetic oculoplastic and pre- and post-operative care. The fellow assists the preceptors in surgery at all affiliated hospitals and clinics. Pre- and post-operative patient evaluation occurs largely during office sessions at the University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC), Harborview Medical Center [(HMC), a Level I Trauma Center], and Veterans' Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS). Occasional cases are performed at Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center (CHRM). Ophthalmic plastic surgery at VAPSHCS may be staffed primarily by the fellow. A private practice rotation under the direction of Dr. Kristin Tarbet exists to add to the functional and cosmetic oculoplastic experience.

The fellowship begins with an intense exposure to ophthalmic plastic surgery. After this core experience, rotations and/or exposure are possible in general plastic surgery, craniofacial surgery, ENT/facial plastic surgery, dermatology, Mohs surgery, neuro-imaging, and neuro-ophthalmology. Experience in orbital ultrasound, pathology, and prosthetics is also provided. Elective time is designed to allow orbital dissection (cadavers) and work on the thesis and other academic projects. Off-campus rotations are possible during the

second year of the fellowship. (Extra funding for these experiences cannot be guaranteed at the present time.)

The fellow is actively involved in resident teaching, both in the clinic and in the operating room, in preparation for academic or practice endeavors following completion of the fellowship. The fellow will give a number of lectures to residents and staff. The fellow runs the Clinical-Pathological Correlation Conference. The fellow also conducts both an orbital dissection course and a practical course in basic principles of ophthalmic plastic surgery for residents and ophthalmologists in practice. The fellow should develop expertise in the oculoplastic literature. This is facilitated with ASOPRS bibliography.

The preceptors emphasize photography in their practices. Digital photographs are taken and available for the fellow's library. Principles of effective clinical photography are stressed. Periodic reviews of photographs are scheduled.

University of Washington Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship is establishing a rich tradition of scholarship and academic productivity. High surgical volume and a well-maintained database provide excellent opportunities for clinical studies. The fellow should be energetic and actively generate publications and chapters during the fellowship. The preceptors are fully committed to the fellow's training and strive to produce the finest fellowship experience available in ophthalmic plastic surgery. Very high expectations for performance are balanced by a supportive and collegial environment.

**Application:**

Applications for fellowship should be sent to:

Regular Mail:

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University of Washington  
Department of Ophthalmology  
1959 NE Pacific Street – Box 356485  
Seattle, WA 98195-6485

UPS or Fed EX:

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1959 NE Pacific Street, Room RR 801  
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(206) 616-5138 – Office

(206) 543-4414 – Fax

[suet@u.washington.edu](mailto:suet@u.washington.edu)

The application should include the following:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Letter from department chair
3. Letter from program director
4. At least two other department faculty member letters
5. USMLE scores
6. Personal essay\*

\* In an effort to become more acquainted with you, please provide an essay that tells us more about yourself as a person. (For example: people, places, or institutions contributing to your personal development and/or your goals, values, and ideals.) This essay should include a statement of your plans following completion of the fellowship. (This is in addition to your personal statement.)

Your application must be complete to be reviewed. Interviews will be held in Seattle, Washington.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 7, 2008**