

University Of California, San Diego

Department Of Ophthalmology

Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship

Program Description

The UCSD Fellowship in Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Overview

The UCSD Fellowship in Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is a 24-month ASOPRS-sponsored fellowship, with the goal of providing in-depth exposure to all aspects of functional, reconstructive, and aesthetic ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery.

The first year provides extensive exposure to ophthalmic plastic, reconstructive, and orbital surgery, with increasing responsibilities in clinics and in surgery in a tertiary academic care setting.

Clinics are located at the UCSD Shiley Eye Center, the UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest, and the San Diego VA Medical Center.

Surgery is performed primarily at the Shiley Eye Center, the UCSD Medical Center, the UCSD Thornton Hospital, the San Diego VA Medical Center, and at Children's Hospital. The fellow is an integral part of the surgical team at all sites; and, at the VA, will primarily staff the Oculoplastics Service.

Specialty clinics add to the experience: The UCSD Thyroid Eye Center Clinic is a multidisciplinary clinic staffed by ophthalmic plastics, strabismus, and neuro-ophthalmology specialists; and the Cranio-Facial Clinic at Children's Hospital is a monthly multidisciplinary clinic.

The fellow's second year will bring additional experience in craniofacial surgery, plastic surgery, dermatology, Mohs' surgery, head and neck surgery, and neuroradiology. The elective experience can be tailored to suit the fellow's specific interests and desires.

Clinical and surgical anatomy is stressed. A cadaver dissection and practical surgery session provides the fellow with an anatomic foundation prior to being the primary surgeon on complex orbital cases.

This fellowship integrates three types of learning experiences to prepare the fellow for practice in either an academic or private setting. The three types of experience are:

- 1) working closely with the primary preceptor in his practice;
- 2) caring for oculoplastics patients as the primary caregiver in his/her own clinic; and
- 3) supervising and attending the residents with their oculoplastics patients.

To learn more about the UCSD Department of Ophthalmology and the Shiley Eye Center, please visit department's web site at <http://oculoplastics.ucsd.edu>

Preceptors

The fellow will spend the majority of time with the primary preceptor and approximately six days per month rotating with the associate preceptors. All preceptors are committed to teaching and providing the fellow with the best learning experience possible.

The primary preceptor and director of the fellowship is Don O. Kikkawa, M.D., Division Chief of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery for the Department of Ophthalmology at UCSD. Associate preceptors are Bobby S. Korn, M.D., Ph.D., Asa Morton, M.D., and Arthur Perry, M.D.

Teaching

The fellow will hold an appointment in the UCSD Department of Ophthalmology as Clinical Instructor and will be an integral part of teaching in the UCSD Department of Ophthalmology and Division of Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery. The fellow will not only work closely with the resident who is assigned to the oculoplastics service, but will participate actively in grand rounds, clinical seminars, journal clubs, and lectures to the residents.

A bimonthly Clinico-Pathological Conference is held with the ocular pathologist to discuss interesting eyelid and orbital cases from the service.

Research

Research is encouraged and expected of all fellows. The fellow is expected to complete and publish a thesis in accordance with the ASOPRS guidelines for fellowship and society membership. In addition to the thesis, the fellow will be encouraged to participate in several other research projects within the division.

Medical Licensure

Medical licensure from the California Medical Board is required. Information can be obtained from:

Medical Board of California
1426 Howe Avenue #54
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 263-2382; [w www.medbd.ca.gov](http://www.medbd.ca.gov)

The fellow should begin the application process for obtaining a California medical license at least twelve (12) months prior to the fellowship start date.

Application Information

The two-year fellowship begins July 1 of odd-numbered years, with the application deadline being January 1 of the preceeding year. The fellow must have completed an ACGME accredited residency in ophthalmology and be eligible for a California Medical License. Fellowship applicants must also register with the NRMP for the fellowship match: 202 867 6077.

Electronic submission (except for letters of recommendation) can be made to **Denise Adame**, Oculoplastics Fellowship Coordinator at: dadame@ucsd.edu. To apply, please send your *curriculum vitae* (including board and OKAP scores), a passport-sized photograph, your personal statement (including interests, goals, and plans), and three letters of recommendation (preferably one from the program director or department chair) to:

Don O. Kikkawa, M.D.
UCSD Shiley Eye Center; MC 0946
9415 Campus Point Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037
Tel: 858 534 7402; Fax: 858 534 7859

Benefits

Medical, dental, and vision insurance is provided to the fellow. Professional liability insurance will also be covered during training. The fellow's salary will be paid according to the UCSD Department of Ophthalmology fellowship scale. A travel allowance is available for the annual ASOPRS/AAO meeting. Two weeks of nonconsecutive personal leave is allowed each year.

Housing and Location

Many fellows and residents choose to live in apartments or condos nearby the UCSD campus. This area is known as the Golden Triangle and provides a convenient location for work, shopping and recreational activities. San Diego is nation's sixth largest city and is considered by many to have an ideal climate. Approximately 2.5 million people inhabit the city and surrounding areas. It is home to Sea World, the San Diego Zoo, professional sports teams and hosts many cultural and entertainment events.