

APPLICATION FORM FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Name of Institution: McGill University

Location: 4 teaching hospitals and private offices

Type of Fellowship: Vitreo-Retinal and Medical Retina

Program Information (please append description):

The McGill Vitreo-Retinal fellowship is a two-year program, typically commencing July 1st. Two fellows rotate evenly on two month cycles, between the MUHC and Jewish General Hospital. Training takes place at four McGill teaching hospitals, including the Royal Victoria (25%), Montreal General Hospital (5%), Montreal Children's Hospital (<5%) and Jewish General Hospital (50%). During the MUHC rotation, fellows will also be exposed to private office experience (20%).

• **Number of fellowship positions requested:** 2

• **Academic affiliation:** McGill University

• **Name of hospitals involved in training:** 4

% time spent by the fellow in each institution:

50% - Jewish General Hospital

30% - Royal Victoria Hospital

20% - Private Offices - Montreal Retina Institute

• **Background:**

The fellowship is strongly weighted towards surgical exposure and caseload. Fellows are given the opportunity to participate in at least two days of surgery per week on either rotation. Medical retina practice is also "high-volume." Exposure to all current modalities of investigation and treatment is routine; PDT, thermal laser, Avastin, Lucentis, Zeiss and Heidelberg FA/ICG, both stratus and Cirrus OCT.

• **Research activity / Publications:**

Fellows are expected to participate in and initiate clinical research. Protected time for research is in the interest of all faculty, and is commensurate with the fellow's effort towards such work.

• **Mission:**

To educate international candidates.

To train these individuals to become excellent vitreo-retinal specialists, with the potential to make an impact in their chosen places of practice.

*** Outline how intended fellowship will enhance residency training:**

The fellows serve as role models and teachers to the residents. By the very common nature of referral to the vitreo-retinal service from the general ophthalmology community, and from the residency training program, the direct exposure is established. Residents work with the fellows in the clinical and surgical settings.

Name of the Fellowship Program Director: Dr. Michael A. Kapusta

Names of the Teaching Faculty: Dr. Michael A. Kapusta, Dr. Mila Oh, Dr. John Chen, Dr. John Galic and Dr. Julius Gomolin

. Roles:

4 of the clinical staff are surgical specialists, with medical retina interested

Dr. Gomolin's practice is pure medical retina. He is faculty at the Jewish General Hospital. Fellows spend 20% of their JGH rotation with Dr. Gomolin.

. Summary of clinical practice

As stated.

. Major Strengths

Strength of program is that graduates are fully proficient as vitreo-retinal surgeons and clinicians.

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Academic Facilities

. Outline facilities for clinical and academic pursuit

State of the art Operating rooms at both main facilities. Well equipped clinical facilities. Examining room space allocated for the fellowship.

. Library access, materials relevant to fellowship training:

Available at all hospital sites and at the faculty of medicine at McGill University.

. Multimedia learning materials available:

Not applicable

. Availability of a skills lab if applicable:

Not applicable.

Fellow Duties and Responsibilities:

- . **Call responsibilities to cover service**
Cross-coverage by each retina fellow on alternate weekends.
- . **Include whether the fellow is the senior supervisor of residents**
Fellows assist faculty in supervising residents.
- . **Outline whether there are fixed rotations at various institutions**
As stated above.
- . **Outpatient clinic responsibilities need to be outlined**
As stated above.
- . **Outline role of the fellow towards residents on service**
As stated above.
- . **Teaching responsibilities towards residents**
As stated above.
- . **Outline participation in academic activities involving the residents: seminars, outcome assessment (morbidity and mortality rounds etc).**

Fellows may participate in scheduled McGill Ophthalmology rounds.

- . **Describe any support staff available to the fellow: program coordinator, nurse, clinician, secretarial:**

The fellow benefits from the support staff of his/her supervising faculty.

- . **Proposed meetings to be attended by the fellow:**

The fellows are invited to attend all local and international vitreo-retinal meetings.

- . **Research productivity and publications expected by the Fellow Curriculum**
As stated above

- . **Intended case load:**

The fellow will perform several hundred vitreo-retinal surgical cases per year. He or she will perform the majority of many other cases.

The nature of medical retina implies the participation in a significant number of procedures.

- . **Intended Percentage of varieties of cases:**

The full spectrum of surgical case load will be presented during the fellowship. There are a limited number of pediatric cases performed.

. Regular reading materials provided (if any)

None provided.

. Conference weekly schedules

Not applicable.

**. Role of the fellow in attending, presenting, supervising,
organization:**

This type of work is readily available. Individual fellows with such interest are welcomed to participate as extensively as they desire.