

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION	Fellow in Ophthalmology (Clinical Research)		
DEPARTMENT/SECTION	Ophthalmology		
LOCATION	Department of Ophthalmology, School of Medicine (to be based at one of the Clinical Schools, primarily Grafton)		
RESPONSIBLE TO	Head of Department	SALARY LEVEL	xx
POSITION STATUS	Fixed term (12 months)	FULL/PART-TIME	Full Time/Part-time
STAFF REPORTS	Nil		
FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS	University of Auckland - Head of Department, Director of relevant Research Network , Director Undergraduate Teaching, Undergraduate Teaching Coordinators, Academic Staff, Research Fellows, Undergraduate Students, School of Medicine and University personnel Auckland District Health Board – Clinical Director, Ophthalmologists, Registrars, Nurse Specialists, Charge Nurses, nurses, technical and clerical staff		
KEY COMPETENCY AREAS	• Competent critical thinker • Quality communicator and excellent writer • Relationship Building • Results Focused • Team Builder • Innovation • University Awareness		

Purpose of Position

- To gain clinical skills in relation to sub-specialty ophthalmology and participate in delivery of clinical services within the teaching hospital environment at Greenlane Clinical Centre as directed by Professor Charles McGhee, Chair and HOD, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Auckland, Dr Sarah Welch, Clinical Director, Ophthalmology Department, Auckland District Health Board, and Associated Senior Clinical and Academic Staff, including Professor Helen Danesh-Meyer.
- To undertake supervised clinical research and to develop research, critical thinking, audit and dissemination / reporting skills, under supervision of research supervisors leading to peer-reviewed publications or a research thesis **in one of the sub-speciality fields of: Cornea, Anterior Segment Diseases, Neuro-Ophthalmology or Medical retina.**
- To supervise and mentor undergraduate students during their fifth year clinical attachment and at other appropriate times (e.g. clinical electives, research elective, summer studentship, extra-curricular research) during the fellowship appointment.

Key Result Areas

Clinical

- Undertake clinical duties as assigned in the Ophthalmology Department, Green Lane Clinical centre and with the Academic Team at in the University Department (Grafton Campus) and in Eye Institute, Auckland to the appropriate clinical standard under supervision.

Teaching

- To participate in the supervision and teaching of undergraduate medical and optometry students during their fifth year clinical attachments and at other appropriate times (e.g. clinical electives, research elective, summer studentship, extra-curricular research). This includes lectures, tutorials and teaching in the clinical setting.

Research

- To undertake supervised clinical research/clinical audit and to develop research, critical thinking and dissemination/reporting skills, under supervision of research supervisor, with the view to a minimum of one conference presentation and one peer-reviewed publication during the term of the appointment (those undertaking a second or third year clinical research attachment may enrol for higher degree by thesis MD/PhD).

Other Expectations and Duties

1. As this is a single year contract in the first instance, you are not expected to actively apply for alternative sources of funding other than for travel to conferences.
2. As a member of the Department of Ophthalmology you are expected to support other members and to cover duties where appropriate in clinical and teaching responsibilities.
3. Ensure the observance of University policy and codes of practice in teaching, research and administrative practices.
4. Other relevant duties as may be required by the Head of Department in support of the Department of Ophthalmology and delivery of its expectations in relation to: undergraduate teaching, collaborative departmental research, provision of clinical services & administration.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualification/ experience

- MBChB or equivalent medical degree
- Medical registration in New Zealand
- Completion of PGY1 and PGY2 postgraduate years
- One year experience of clinical ophthalmology preferred
- Prior research experience in ophthalmology an advantage

Attributes and Skills

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Self-motivated, industrious and has initiative
- Experience in teaching undergraduate medical and optometry students
- Able to multi-task in busy clinical / research / teaching environment

APPENDIX A - HEALTH AND SAFETY

Personal commitment to safe work practices and beliefs.

- Shares the responsibility to maintain a safe and healthy workplace, carries out work-related activities in accordance with safe procedures and guidelines.
- Reports all hazards, accidents and incidents.
- Follows emergency procedures and provides appropriate assistance to others.
- Raise awareness of health and safety issues among staff members.