Optometry Residency Training Program in Ocular Disease

FY 2022-23
Optometry Residency in Ocular Disease at the University of Chicago Department of Ophthalmology

Mission
To provide advanced clinical training in ocular diagnosis and management through patient care, education, and scholarship.

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Director of ICO Residency Programs: Heather McLeod, OD, FAAO
Illinois College of Optometry

Number of Positions: 1

Salary: $40,000 per year

Program Dates: July 1

Program Duration: 53 weeks

Application Deadline: January 15

Program Description
We are pleased to offer a 53-week hospital-based optometric residency at the University of Chicago providing advanced clinical training in ocular disease diagnosis and management. This residency involves a unique opportunity to train in a collaborative optometry/ophthalmology clinical setting. The resident will learn the intricacies of systemic based eye care and the importance of communication among medical specialties. Clinical experience will include adult and pediatric ocular disease, consult/urgent care, and rotations with ophthalmology sub-specialists. Additional education will be provided through weekly grand rounds, didactic lectures, symposiums, and journal clubs.

Residents completing the program will gain the necessary experience to:

• Pursue professional & multi-disciplinary opportunities requiring a high-level of expertise in medical eye care.
• Serve as educators and researchers in academic settings.
• Serve the profession of optometry as experts and leaders in the area of ocular disease management.
**Residency Program Design**

The resident will participate in the following activities (weekly):

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<td>Adult Ocular Disease</td>
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<td>Pediatric Ocular Disease</td>
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<td>Consult/Urgent Care</td>
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<td>Ophthalmology Sub-Specialty</td>
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<td>Optometry Seminar</td>
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<td>Ophthalmology Ground Rounds</td>
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<td>Personal Development</td>
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The resident will provide outpatient urgent/consult coverage during business hours. The resident will also have the opportunity to work alongside the consult ophthalmology resident during inpatient rounds.

The University of Chicago has a full complement of OMD sub-specialists. The resident will be able to customize their sub-specialty rotations, choosing from: Glaucoma, Retina, Cornea, Neuro-Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, and Oculoplastics.

There are no after hour on-call responsibilities.

**Educational Conferences**

Education will be provided through weekly grand rounds, didactic, lectures, symposiums, and journal clubs.

- Bi-Weekly Optometry Seminars
- Weekly Ophthalmology Grand Rounds
- Quarterly Resident Education Events at ICO

**Benefits**

Benefits include eligibility to participate in medical and dental insurance programs, professional liability insurance, vacation, paid sick leave, and a travel allowance to attend optometric conferences.
Eligibility

Entry into the Optometry Residency program at the University of Chicago requires completion of Optometry school accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE). In addition, entry requires successful passage of National Board of Examiners in Optometry® (NBEO) parts 1, 2, and 3 as well as Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD). Applicants must be United States citizens, permanent residents, or holders of J1 visas, and be eligible for licensure in the State of Illinois.

Non-discrimination Statement

In keeping with its long-standing traditions and policies, the University of Chicago considers students, employees, applicants for admission or employment, and those seeking access to University programs on the basis of individual merit. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, status as an individual with a disability, protected veteran status, genetic information, or other protected classes under the law (including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972). For additional information regarding the University of Chicago’s Policy on Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct, please see: http://harassmentpolicy.uchicago.edu/page/policy.

Selection

All applications are handled online via the ORMatch System at National Matching Services, Inc. Given the competitive pool of applicants, most invited individuals will have attained one or more of the following: academic excellence in optometry school including one or more honors grades (where applicable) in preclinical and clinical courses; caliber of optometry school, high scores on NBEO examinations; involvement in the Academy of Optometry’s Student Fellowship Program; excellent letters of recommendation; and a compelling personal statement. A selection committee of optometry faculty reviews all completed application and invites applicants to visit the program for interviews, generally held in January, for a start date of July of the same year. Committee members meet individually with all interviewees and rank them on a numerical scale (1-10). Our resident conducts a tour and has lunch that day with the candidates. After completion of all interviews, the interviewing faculty members’ scores are entered into a computer, and a preliminary consensus rank order is created. The interviewing faculty members then discuss the initial ranking, make such adjustments as may be indicated in the light of the discussions, and thereby create a final rank order that is submitted to the matching program.

Criteria for Completion

- Successful completion of all clinical assignments
- Attendance and participation at optometry education conferences
- A written paper or poster of publishable quality, completed by the end of the residency period
Program Faculty

Pathik Amin, OD, FAAO
Glaucoma, Ocular Disease, Surgical Co-management

Steven C. Quan, OD, FAAO
Comprehensive Eyecare and Ocular Disease, Glaucoma, Diabetic Eye Disease, Surgical Co-Management

Marni Harris, OD, FAAO
Pediatric Optometry, Amblyopia, Strabismus, Special Needs

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