



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY
AND VISUAL SCIENCE

**OPTOMETRIC
RESIDENCY IN
OCULAR DISEASE**

RESIDENCY BROCHURE _ FY 2025-26

Optometry Residency in Ocular Disease at the University of Chicago Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Science

Mission

Offering advanced clinical training in ocular diagnosis and management through patient care, education, and scholarship.

Program Coordinator:	Steven C. Quan, OD, FAAO University of Chicago, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Science
Residency Director:	Christine Allison, OD, FAAO, FOVDR Illinois College of Optometry
Number of Positions:	1
Salary:	\$40,000 per year
Program Dates:	July 1, 2024 – July 8, 2025
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 and co-management with different 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.

Program Design

The resident will participate in the following rotations (weekly). The average weekly commitment is 42 hours.

Adult Ocular Disease	28 hours
Consult/Urgent Care	4 hours
Ophthalmology Sub-Specialty	4 hours (rotating quarterly)
Optometry Seminar	1 hour (bi-weekly)
Ophthalmology Ground Rounds	1 hour
Personal Development	4 hours

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 ophthalmology sub-specialists. Residents are able to customize their sub-specialty rotations, choosing from: Cornea, Glaucoma, Neuro-Ophthalmology, Oculoplastics, Pediatrics, and Retina.

There are no weekend hours and no mandatory on-call responsibilities during after-hours. If interested, the resident may elect to pair up with an ophthalmology resident for a weekend call.

Educational Conferences

Education will be provided through grand rounds, journal clubs, lectures, and other didactic activities.

- Optometry Seminars
- Ophthalmology Grand Rounds
- 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). Applicants must prove successful passage of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry® (NBEO) Parts I, II, and III, as well as Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD). Applicants must be citizens of the United States of America and be eligible for licensure in the State of Illinois.

Non-discrimination Statement

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Selection

All applications are handled online via the ORMatch System at National Matching Services, Inc. Curriculum vitae, GPA, NBEO scores, three letters of recommendation, and an interview are used for the selection process.

Criteria for Completion

- Successful completion of all clinical assignments
- Attendance and participation at weekly education conferences
- A written paper of publishable quality or case report. The case report can be part of an application for fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry.

Program Faculty



Jessica Garcia, OD
Diplopia, Dry Eyes, Glaucoma, Pediatric Optometry



Macy Koepke, OD
Ocular Disease, Pediatric Optometry, Vision Rehabilitation



Steven C. Quan, OD, FAAO
Glaucoma, Ocular Disease, Optic Neuropathies, Public Health, Surgical Co-Management



Sawliha Seedat, OD
Diabetic Eye Disease, Dry Eye, Glaucoma, Pediatric Optometry

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