

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: GENERAL MEDICINE FELLOW

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL MEDICINE

AWARD / AGREEMENT: AMA HMO Certified Heads of Agreement 2006

ROSTERED HOURS OF WORK: 43

REPORTS TO: Director – General Medicine

SUPERVISOR (Person responsible for feedback / training): Prof Mike South

Qualifications / Experience required

This position is usually filled by a senior Advanced Trainee in Paediatrics and often by paediatricians who have full fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. It is an ideal position as a bridge from a trainee paediatric position to consultant paediatric practice. Preference is given to applicants who have completed their advanced training.

Position summary

Depending on seniority and experience, there is the opportunity for the Fellow to work as a Junior Consultant in a supervised capacity. There are excellent opportunities for clinical experience, teaching, research, and administration.

The position is quite flexible and can to some degree be tailored to the needs of the individual.

Clinical experience

To enable the Fellow to gain broad exposure to different styles of consultant practice, the position rotates at 2½ monthly intervals through each of the four paediatric units. The final two months of the twelve month term can serve as an elective period according to the Fellow's and the department's needs.

During attachment to each unit the Fellow may act on rotation as the first consultant on call during receiving periods. There is always further consultant back up during these periods.

During the working week the Fellow acts in a supervisory capacity for the junior staff on the unit to which he or she is attached but also is available to provide advice for junior staff on other units as required.

The twelve month term gives the opportunity for the Fellow to gain experience in longitudinal outpatient follow up of patients with a variety of problems.

Teaching

This position provides excellent opportunities for the fellow to develop his or her skills in teaching paediatric medicine to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. There is a big demand for teaching of fifth year medical students from the University of Melbourne and for paediatric trainees studying for the clinical examinations for the FRACP.

The Fellow in General Paediatrics is responsible for arranging cases for both short and long case practice for FRACP trainees. The clinical examinations for the FRACP are held alternate years at the Royal Children's Hospital and the Fellow is usually involved in organising this.

There is a weekly Journal Club in the department which is supervised by the Fellow.

Research

The Fellow is encouraged to undertake a clinical research project during his or her twelve month term and to attend research and statistics training courses held in the hospital by the Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics Unit.

Administration

- Responsible for some of the day to day organisational aspects of the department including problems with junior staff rostering, etc.
- Responsible for coordinating the monthly Medical Practice Review Meeting and the documentation and implementation of recommendations arising from the reviews.
- Responsible for coordinating the Friday Clinical Meetings.

Summary

The Fellow's position provides opportunities for excellent training for those considering a career in General Paediatrics.

At present the Fellow's position is for a twelve month term but there may be opportunities for this to be extended for a second twelve months to enable the Fellow to undertake a significant research project.

Salary depends on the seniority and experience of the position holder. Additional payments may be available for out of hours work in the Emergency Department.

Four or five weeks annual leave is included within the 12 month tenure of this position