

## ***RCH MDA NEUROMUSCULAR FELLOWSHIP 2010***

### ***CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCES CENTRE***

### ***ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL***

#### **Background**

The Children's Neuroscience Centre (CNC) at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) is recognised nationally and internationally as a leading centre in the management of and research into neurological conditions in children. Special areas of expertise include the management of uncontrolled epilepsy, neuromuscular disorders, neurogenetic conditions, stroke and neonatal neurological disorders. The CNC comprises 10 paediatric neurologists who work at the RCH, Monash Medical Centre and several regional clinics.

#### **Position Description**

This position involves a dual clinical appointment at both the Royal Children's and St Vincent's Hospitals in Melbourne. These are the two major tertiary institutions dealing with neuromuscular diseases in Victoria.

The MDA Neuromuscular Fellowship includes a mix of service and training activities. The fellowship will offer formal clinical training in diagnosis and management of neuromuscular diseases including electrophysiological and routine morphological (muscle and nerve biopsy) assessment. A key component of the fellowship will be to undertake individual and collaborative clinical research projects. The Fellow will have the opportunity to participate in the development of new clinical research projects at RCH and/or SVH. There is likely to be the opportunity of undertaking laboratory work as part of the research project. Additional laboratory-based research may be possible, according to the expertise and interests of the candidate.

#### **Position and Responsibilities**

Fellows will have successfully completed the first part FRACP examinations and at least one year of clinical training in paediatric neurology. The Fellow will be supervised in his/her clinical duties, which will include outpatient management, inpatient management, inpatient consultations, nerve conduction and EMG studies, and some after-hours call. The Fellow will attend departmental clinical meetings including neuroradiology and neuropathology meetings, neuroscience seminars and ward rounds. The Fellow may participate in the statewide neurology registrar training course and attend other relevant courses in neurology and neuroscience. The Fellow will be encouraged to undertake a clinical research project, which may take up one day per week. This time may also be used for private study or attending

training opportunities outside the department or hospital.

The position will be for a minimum of 12 months. The successful candidate will be supervised by a number of clinicians including A/Prof Andrew Kornberg, Dr Monique Ryan, Dr Victoria Rodriguez-Casero, and Dr Valerie Tay.