

Optometric Residency Program

PRIMARY EYE CARE
REFRACTIVE & OCULAR SURGERY
CO-MANAGEMENT

IRIS OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC
LANGLEY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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AFFILIATE: PACIFIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY, FOREST GROVE, OREGON

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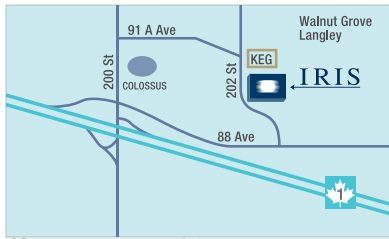
This one-year residency provides accelerated learning in primary care optometry with emphasis on laser refractive/intraocular lens/anterior segment surgery and ocular disease co-management. The IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic in Langley, British Columbia is a large multiple-doctor clinic with on-site ophthalmology services providing rich opportunities for professional exchange of clinical skills and information. The resident will

develop expertise in clinical and practice management, triage and communication with referring medical doctors and other healthcare providers. State-of-the-art technology allows specialty contact lens fittings and advanced anterior/posterior segment diagnostic imaging. The resident will experience different learning modalities (including urban/rural/specialty clinic settings) and travel opportunities to various optometric conferences and sites.

Experience better vision.

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IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic


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GENERAL INFORMATION

Residency Program Supervisor

SHARON T. WONG, O.D., Ph.D. received her Doctor of Optometry from University of Montreal (Quebec). She has a Master of Science degree in Anatomy and Cell Biology (Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario) and a PhD in Vision Science and Biology (University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario). She is currently adjunct clinical faculty at Pacific University College of Optometry. Prior to joining IRIS in 2005, she worked in low vision rehabilitation in Quebec (Nazareth & Louis Braille Institute). She has presented research at international conferences, published scientific articles and taught at University of Montreal, University of Waterloo and Queen's University. During her academic career, she won major research grants from the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (formerly Medical Research Council of Canada). For nine years, Dr. Wong also served as a medical illustrator. Raised in Montreal, she is fluent in French and English. In her spare time, she enjoys kayaking, cycling and hiking.

Additional Faculty

ERIC PHARAND, O.D.
 DANIEL DAVIES, O.D.
 SHAFIQ JIWANI, O.D.
 HUGO SUTTON, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C.)
 STEVEN MA, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C.)

Duration of Agreement

July 1 through June 30 (actual dates may vary).

Number of Positions

One (1) residency position available each year.

Annual Salary & Benefits

Periodically adjusted. Please contact the program supervisor for current salary and benefit information.

Hours

Expected hours of attendance in a resident's typical week of activities is 40–50 hours. The IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic is open Monday through Saturday, closed Sundays.

Leave

Residents earn 10 days paid annual leave (vacation and education time) and nine provincial statutory holidays, granted in accordance with British Columbia employment standards legislation.

Professional Liability Protection

Residents are responsible for obtaining professional liability insurance valid in Canada. IRIS will provide a professional development allowance that may be applied to the insurance premium at the resident's discretion.

Health Insurance Benefits

Free basic medical coverage is provided via the provincial health insurance program for British Columbians who are Canadian citizens. Canadians from other provinces are eligible to apply for BC health insurance three months after their arrival. Canadian residents are eligible to apply for the IRIS-affiliated extended health insurance plan after three months at IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic. Non-Canadian applicants will be responsible for securing adequate health insurance coverage.

Certificate of Completion

An official certificate of completion will be awarded to the resident upon satisfactory fulfillment of residency requirements as outlined in the Pacific University College of Optometry residency program supplemental policies manual and IRIS guidelines for residency program completion.

Accreditation

This IRIS-Pacific University residency program is fully accredited in accordance with ACOE (Accreditation Council on Optometric Education) standards.

PROGRAM GOALS

- 1 Reinforce the resident's primary care management skills and ability to provide exemplary patient care.
- 2 Provide the resident with specialized skills and knowledge in co-management of refractive surgery (laser and intraocular lenses), medical laser surgery (focal retinal laser, SLT, LPI, YAG-capsulotomy, etc), riboflavin-corneal crosslinking and anterior segment surgery (e.g. PTK, blepharoplasty, ptosis repair, pterygium and chalazion excision, etc).
- 3 Increase the resident's clinical skills in co-management of medical care and ocular disease via rotations in comprehensive ophthalmology.
- 4 Integrate the resident as a pivotal member of a multidisciplinary team.
- 5 Develop the resident's understanding of practice management in Canadian optometry and ophthalmology clinic settings.
- 6 Stimulate an appreciation for scholarly activity and lifelong learning.

RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

Strengths of the Program

IRIS, The Visual Group is the largest network of eye care providers in Canada. The IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic is a unique Canadian collaboration between ophthalmologists, optometrists and opticians. IRIS promotes a strong sense of community and cooperation between all team members. Residents will be exposed to primary, secondary and tertiary care all under the same roof. The patient base is diverse and residents can expect to manage at least 1,200 patient encounters from initial consultation, follow-ups and communication back to the referring healthcare professionals. The IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic has an active clinical research program with several projects ongoing (including our Artemis high frequency ultrasound anterior segment imaging unit). IRIS also offers British Columbia board-approved continuing education courses and exposure to different clinical practice modalities across our provincial network.

Scholarly Activities

Residents are expected to author at least one manuscript suitable for publication and to present this work at the annual Northwest Residents Conference at Pacific University. Additionally, the resident will supervise 4th-year optometry students and provide continuing education sessions to fellow optometrists and staff within the referral network of the co-management center. Residents are encouraged to work toward fellowship status with the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO).

Continuing Education

The resident is entitled to attend IRIS-sponsored continuing education seminars for College-approved credit hours. Numerous conferences are also available at no charge for optometrists in the Greater Vancouver area. Authorized absence from clinical responsibilities and flexible scheduling may be granted for attendance of approved educational conferences.

Privileges

Prior to program commencement, residents must be eligible for optometric licensure in British Columbia by passing all parts of the Canadian optometry board exam (Canadian Standard Assessment in Optometry, CSAO) or National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) and the British Columbia jurisprudence exam. Residents will follow the scope of clinical practice defined in writing by the College of Optometrists of British Columbia (Quality Management Program—Standards and Guidelines).

Performance Evaluations

The resident will improve as a clinician and health team member through frequent interactions with the program supervisor and fellow optometrist colleagues. The resident will receive written or online electronic evaluations and verbal feedback from the residency program supervisor and the resident will evaluate the residency program and supervisor at least twice annually.

Administration/Research Time

The resident is scheduled for one half to one full day each week for administrative time. This time is reserved for research, chart review and independent study.

WORKSITE

Worksite & Patient Population

The IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic (IOC) has over 7,000 square feet including five examination rooms, two surgical suites, pre-testing and diagnostic testing rooms and a full-service optical dispensary. The IOC serves approximately one million residents in a large rural and urban area extending throughout southern British Columbia, Vancouver Island and Alberta. Patient age groups range from pediatrics to geriatrics and represent diverse multicultural backgrounds. The resident will provide primary care optometry, comprehensive ophthalmology services and refractive/anterior segment surgery co-management. The resident will work at IOC on average five days per week except for vacation, statutory holidays and authorized absence. Rotations to external clinics and specialty sites may be arranged.

Library & Research Resources

The resident is provided electronic access to the libraries and computer databases of Pacific University.

SAMPLE WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A RESIDENT

tuesday

MORNING

Optometry Clinic and/or
Ophthalmology Rotations

AFTERNOON

Administration/Research Time

wednesday

MORNING

Refractive Surgery Co-Management
Ophthalmology Rotations

AFTERNOON

Optometry Clinic

thursday

MORNING

Refractive Surgery Co-Management
Ophthalmology Rotations

AFTERNOON

Optometry Clinic

friday

MORNING

Refractive Surgery Co-Management
Ophthalmology Rotations

AFTERNOON

Optometry Clinic

saturday

MORNING

Refractive Surgery Co-Management
Optometry Clinic

AFTERNOON

Optometry Clinic

*WEEKLY SCHEDULING VARIES. THE RESIDENT
MAY WORK VARIOUS COMBINATIONS
TOTALLING FIVE DAYS PER WEEK.

Computer, Email & Telephone Access

Computers with internet access are available at the IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic. Each examination lane is equipped with a telephone and a computer networked to access the patient database for viewing fundus images. The resident is granted an IRIS email address.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Contact the residency program supervisor and be available for an interview with the residency committee.
- 2 Submit curriculum vitae and letter of intent describing career choices, experiences and motivation for applying.
- 3 Submit three letters of reference from individuals familiar with the applicant's clinical and academic performance.
- 4 Apply to the program through the Optometry Resident Matching Services (ORMS) online at www.optometryresident.org by deadline dates (check ORMS website for details).
- 5 When available, furnish official transcripts of all optometric and graduate education, official CSAO scores and proof of British Columbia optometric licensure.





LIVING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic is located in Walnut Grove, Langley, a safe suburban neighbourhood surrounded by residential areas and nature parks in the Greater Vancouver area.

Housing & Cost of Living

IRIS provides the resident with a living allowance to help defray housing costs. In Walnut Grove, one-bedroom apartments average \$700-\$900 CDN per month. Two-bedroom apartments average \$1,000-\$1,500 CDN per month and furnished rooms for rent (some including meals) are approximately \$650 CDN per month. Flexible month-to-month rental options are commonly available in the Langley and Greater Vancouver areas.

Commuting & Parking

Ample free parking is available at the IRIS Ophthalmology Clinic and residential areas. While a car is recommended, public transportation is safe and dependable (buses, community shuttles, SkyTrain, SeaBus, electric streetcars and BC Ferries to Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands).

Recreation

British Columbia is known for its year-round outdoor activities, magnificent geography and multicultural diversity. "Super, Natural" and "Beautiful British Columbia" are official provincial slogans. Surrounded by ocean, rivers, mountains, islands and forests, the Greater Vancouver area is an outdoor enthusiast's haven. Recreational activities include cycling, hiking, boating, golfing, fishing, camping, extreme sports, equestrian riding, whale watching, rock climbing, beach volleyball, swimming and a multitude of water activities. It is possible to ski atop a snow-capped mountain in the morning, then surf in the ocean later the same day. The range of ecosystems across British Columbia is impressive: tidal pools filled with miniature sea life, oceanfront beaches, snowy mountains, temperate rainforests with giant trees and semi-desert regions towards the southern interior. All of this combined with an excellent cultural scene, world class restaurants and mild winters make the Greater Vancouver area an attractive place to live.

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY

For additional information about this residency opportunity, please contact:

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1 Candidates must earn the degree of Doctor of Optometry from a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education prior to the start date of the residency program.

2 Candidates must have passed all sections of the Canadian Standard Assessment in Optometry (CSAO) or National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO). Candidates may also be scheduled to write the CSAO or NBEO and receive results prior to the start date of the residency program. Note: Acceptance of the NBEO for licensure is subject to review. Please consult the College of Optometrists of British Columbia for current regulations about accepting NBEO results.

3 Candidates must be eligible for full therapeutic licensure as an optometrist in the Province of British Columbia. This includes having passed the British Columbia jurisprudence examination, being eligible for membership with the College of Optometrists of British Columbia and British Columbia Association of Optometrists and maintaining sufficient professional liability insurance.

4 Non-Canadian citizens may apply for this residency upon meeting visa and other federal/provincial requirements.