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**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**
Simple and complex patient assessment, urodynamics, neurophysiological approach, endoscopy, pelvic reconstructive surgery, pelvic floor rehabilitation.

**Special Requirements:**
Complete residency in OB/GYN, CV, Letter of presentation

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**
4 to 6 months

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**
No the hospital is not responsible for accommodation. The fellow/observer has to pay a fee to the hospital for the fellowship/observership.

**Fellows accepted:** Yes
**Observers accepted:** Yes

## Australia

| Program Director: | Prof Hans Peter Dietz, MD, PhD |

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**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**  
Over 500 new Urogynae patients per year, over 500 Urodynamic tests, over 1000 pelvic floor 4D US.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**  
World leader in pelvic floor imaging

**Special Requirements:**  
Adequate English language skills

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**  
3 months

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow(observer) secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**  
Yes – student accommodation at A$ 130 per week

**Fellows accepted:** Yes  
**Observers accepted:** Yes

**Program Director:** Prof. Peter Dwyer, MB, BS, FRANZCOG, CU

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**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**  
Diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the female lower urinary tract and pelvic floor

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**  
Multidisciplinary treatment of urinary and fecal incontinence. Prospective randomised studies.

**Special Requirements:**  
Fellowship 2 years medical registration in Australia; hands on observerships 1-6 months

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**  
1-2 months

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow(observer) secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**  
Yes

**Fellows accepted:** Yes  
**Observers accepted:** Yes
**Program Director:** Anna Rosamilia, MD  
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**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**  
Multidisciplinary Pelvic floor Unit in public and private setting.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**  
RCT’s sling and POP surgery; including 3D US assessment. Close collaboration with Monash University/MIMR/CSIRO POP tissue engineering; shared research projects with Mercy Hospital for women.

**Special Requirements:**  
Current overseas fellowship available Dec 2015. Long preparation period including visa/medical board registration and English test (IELTS) requirement. No salary but some remuneration may be available via private surgical assisting.

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**  
2 years for fellowship preferred. Observership at candidate’s discretion depending on availability.

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**  
Basic accommodation available near hospital or university can be obtained at market rates.

**Fellows accepted:** Yes  
**Observers accepted:** Yes

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**Austria**

**Program Director:** Prof. Dr. Heinz Koelbl, MD  
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**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**  
Full spectrum of state-of-the-art urogynecologic diagnostic work-up and treatment.
### Areas of special interest and local facilities:
Stem cell therapy for female urinary incontinence; geriatric urogynecology; 3D ultrasound; proteomics

### Special Requirements:
Proficiency in German and/or English.

### Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:
3 months

### Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?
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### France

**Program Director:** Michel Cosson, MD, PhD  
**Hospital Jeanne Flandres, University Hospital**  
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**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**
Urogynecology surgery, urodynamics, MRI, rectal evaluation, research/meshes surgery, vaginal and laproscopic, MRI/biomechanics/pelvic modelization.

**Special Requirements:**
Fellowship: French speaking student; medical diploma recognized by French regulation.

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**
Observership = 3-4 weeks; Fellowship = at least 6 months.

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**
Yes

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### Ireland

**Program Director:** Dr. Barry O’Reilly  
**Cork University Maternity Hospital**  
**Wilton Road**  
**Cork, Ireland**
Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:
The department of urogynaecology is led by Dr's Barry O'Reilly and Suzanne O'Sullivan. We offer broad experience in all facets of urogynaecology and pelvic floor reconstructive surgery including simple and complex urodynamics, anal manometry and 3D endoanal ultrasound, a large surgical throughput with transvaginal and abdominal and robotic surgery (a dedicated robot for the gynaecology department). We have recently been accredited as a subspecialty training centre by EUGA.

Clinical and/or research activities offered:
We have a strong track record in clinical and basic science research with 3 fellows currently undergoing PhD's and strong collaborations with London and Australia. There are many research opportunities for prospective fellows and we encourage all fellows to complete a research project for publication if not for a higher degree.

Areas of special interest and local facilities:
Our subspecialty training program (EUGA approved) combines a full training in urogynaecology and pelvic floor reconstructive surgery with relevant aspects of urology and colorectal surgery. We are an approved european epicantre in gynaecological robotic surgery

Special Requirements:
Enthusiasm and research interest. Must comply with requirements for registration with the Irish Medical Council.

Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:
Observership can be for up to 3 months and fellowship from 1 year or 2-3 years for subspecialty training (this is a funded/ salaried position)

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?
The accommodation office at University College Cork will facilitate this.

Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

Israel

Program Director: Gil Levy MD, FACOG and Lior Lowenstein, MD
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**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**
In order to increase the exposure for International Fellows we have constructed a program that includes rotations in two Urogynecology units in Israel. Each division provides unique areas of expertise. The Fellowship is flexible in length between 6-12 months. The program offers a comprehensive approach to clinical evaluation and management of women with disorders of the pelvic floor including urinary and fecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, defecatory dysfunction and voiding dysfunction. Surgical management emphasizes vaginal and laparoscopic minimally invasive approaches - including robotic-assisted surgery. Both units are fully computerized and the data base provides many unique research opportunities.

**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**
Both centers serves a tertiary referral center for pelvic organ disorders, one of the divisions treats a unique large community with high average parity causing high rate of pelvic floor dysfunction pathology. Urogynecological problems including severe urogenital prolapsed, urinary and fecal incontinence, chronic pelvic pain and other lower urinary tract disorders. The Division provides all diagnostic and therapeutic options including physical therapy, non-surgical treatment, neuromodulation and surgery (vaginal, abdominal and laparoscopic). The Teaching Team includes a urogynecologist, a colorectal surgeon, a urologist and a pelvic floor physiotherapist.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**
Apart of the large of volume of clinical activities, clinical research in the field of pelvic organ prolapse, quality of life, sexual function and urinary incontinence is supported.

**Special Requirements:**
Basic knowledge of English is important for the daily clinical work with staff and patients.

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**
6 months

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**
The accommodation office at University College Cork will facilitate this.

**Fellows accepted:** Yes
**Observers accepted:** Yes

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**South Africa**

**Program Director:** Dr. Stephen Jeffery

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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:
Multi-disciplinary unit with excellent Urogynaecological, Urological and Colo-rectal exposure. We also have an excellent working relationship with our physiotherapy Department. Extensive experience in the full range of vaginal and laparoscopic pelvic floor surgery. Our unit is actively involved in IUGA and has presented our research at IUGA meetings and we have published in the IUGA journal.

Clinical and/or research activities offered:
Broad range of exposure to all aspects of Urogynaecology.

Areas of special interest and local facilities:
We have established an excellent Urogynaecological service in a developing country and IUGA fellows will benefit from our local expertise in overcoming challenges of working in a resource poor setting.

Special Requirements:
None

Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:
6 months

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?
Yes

Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

United Kingdom

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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:
The successful candidate will be part of the urogynecology team in a reputable tertiary urogynecology center. We regularly undertake diagnosis and conservative management of stress urinary incontinence, overactive bladder, painful bladder syndrome, voiding dysfunction and utero-vaginal prolapse. Patients are offered all types of Urodynamic investigations: cystometry, uroflowmetry, urethral pressure profile, pressure flow studies and video-urodynamics.

We also perform minimal invasive diagnostic and therapeutic procedures such as mid-urethral slings (RP-TV, TO-TV) single incision mini-slings, diagnostic cystoscopy, ureteric catheterization and detrusor injection of Botulinum toxin for management of intractable overactive bladder syndrome. For women with recurrent SUI, we perform other procedures such as pubo-vaginal rectus slings, Remex adjustable synthetic slings & Peri-urethral bulking agents.

Surgical management of prolapse is regularly performed for primary and complex cases of pelvic floor reconstruction: abdominal sacrocolpopexy, vaginal sacrospinous fixation, infra-coccygeal colpopexy.
We work in collaboration with urology and colo-rectal colleagues to offer the patients the best treatment options including sacral nerve stimulation for faecal incontinence and bladder installations for painful bladder syndrome.

**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**

The successful candidate will be part of my academic team and will be encouraged, and expected, to fully integrate in one or more of the ongoing research projects and to improve his/her scientific knowledge; such as attend Good clinical practice course (essential for research in European countries & USA), be able to critically appraise scientific papers, attend research clinics, etc. I have a track record in academic activities having raised over £5 million for funding my research activities, either as chief investigator (CI) or grant co-holder, and over 50 publications in peer reviewed reputable journals. This will help will the candidate to have the proper mentoring in his/her academic activities.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**

- Clinical Trials; Sacrohysteropexy in women with uterine prolapse; Use of mesh in management of utero-vaginal prolapse

**Special Requirements:**

- Eligible for GMC registration in UK; Obtain VISA for working in UK. (These are usually facilitated by the IUGA grant and honorary contract from our institute but no guarantee of successful application).
- Knowledge of research and types of clinical trials with strong commitment for academic input. It would be an asset (but not essential) if the candidate has: obtained the MRCOG, worked previously in the UK, has academic publications.

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**

- 12-14 month for fellowship
- 2-3 month for observers

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**

- Can personally help in the search online and provide advise but not an official help from the university

**Fellows accepted:** Yes

**Observers accepted:** Yes

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**Program Director: Linda Cardozo, MD**

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**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**

Over 30 years experience in conservative, pharmacological and surgical management of pelvic floor disorders in women. Multi-disciplinary team of 13 highly experienced health care professionals. Strong emphasis on research, teaching and training.
Clinical and/or research activities offered:
Full range of investigations of lower urinary tract dysfunction and assessment of complex urogynaecological cases. Observation in operating theatres, participation in multi-disciplinary meetings, scanning clinics, general gynaecology outpatients clinics and the opportunity to work with the nurses and physiotherapists and observe conservative management and patient education and counselling.

Areas of special interest and local facilities:
Refractory OAB, failed surgery, mesh complications, combined urogynaecology / urology / colorectal surgery for complex cases.
wide range of investigations including, subtracted cystometry, video urodynamics and ambulatory urodynamics

Special Requirements:
Good level of spoken and written English. For fellowship must have registration with the General Medical Council UK and medical negligence cover.

Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:
2 months for human resources and administrative processes. However, places get booked very quickly and unit will often have a waiting list of a year for observership or fellowship placements.

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?
Reasonably priced lodgings are available through the hospital accommodation team.

Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:
Team of 3 urogynaecologists provide extensive opportunities for clinical and surgical work and research.

Clinical and/or research activities offered:
Out-patient clinics including perineal/joint clinic with colo-rectal surgeons (2 per month) and joint clinics with urologists (every 2 months), urodynamics, conservative treatment experience, tibial nerve stimulation. Regular MDT meetings.
Surgery: full range of urogynaecological procedures offered.
Participation in clinical trials e.g. prolapse surgery, obstetric anal sphincter injury, drug trials.
Team has its own research co-ordinator and statistician.

Areas of special interest and local facilities:
Obstetric anal sphincter injury prevention; prolapse surgery; facilities include dedicated out-patient lab for urodynamics and conservative treatments.
**Special Requirements:**
Will need limited registration with the UK General Medical Council. No funding available for accommodation.

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**
Variable depending on the experience of the trainee.

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**
Yes

**Fellows accepted:** No
**Observers accepted:** Yes

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**Program Director: Stergios K. Doumouchtsis PhD, MRCOG**

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**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**
Tertiary referral centre in Urogynaecology / Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. Part of Regional Multi Disciplinary Urogynaecology / Female Urology network. Undergraduate, postgraduate, specialist and sub-specialist training. Regular publications in peer reviewed journals. We participate in local, national and international research projects.

**Clinical activity:** 2-5 theatre sessions per week (Day Surgery and Inpatient lists); 2 videourodynamics lists per month; weekly pelvic floor 4D scanning; 4 Urogynae Outpatient Clinics per week and 2 outpatient Cystoscopy lists per month.

**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**
Clinical activities offered are related to the management of the full range of pelvic floor disorders:
- General Urogynaecology Clinic
- Childbirth Injury & Pelvic Health After Childbirth Clinic
- Joint Urogynaecology / Female Urology Clinic
- Combined Pelvic Floor Clinic with Colorectal Surgery
- Adolescent Gynaecology Clinic

A full range of diagnostics: Cystometrogram; Urethral Pressure Profilometry; Ambulatory Urodynamics Uroflowmetry; Outpatient Cystoscopy; Videourodynamics

Research activities offered are prospective studies of surgical procedures; Childbirth injury projects; Urodynamics.
**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**
Vaginal, abdominal and laparoscopic surgery for primary and recurrent prolapse.
Uterine preservation techniques including vaginal sacrospinous hysteropexy and laparoscopic sacrohysteropexy.
A full range of treatment for post-hysterectomy vault prolapse
Sacrospinous fixation
Open and laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy.
Imaging and complex urodynamic investigations.
Childbirth injury services
Ambulatory procedures and investigations.

**Special Requirements:**
Visa/Work permit; GMC Membership (for fellowship); Medical Qualification; Occupational Health Clearance; Two recent references

**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**
6-8 weeks

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**
Yes

**Fellows accepted:** Yes

**Observers accepted:** Yes

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**Program Director:** Ranee Thakar, MB.BS, MD, FRCOG and Abdul Sultan, MB.CHB, MD, FRCOG

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**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**
An observer will be able to attend urogynaecology clinics, the dedicated postpartum one stop clinic, pessary clinic for pelvic organ prolapse and the combined pelvic floor clinic (clinics done with the colorectal surgeons) in addition to attending theatre sessions.
A fellow will be able to participate in all of the above and will need to complete a research project.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**
In addition to general urogynaecology, the unit is known for its expertise in childbirth related pelvic floor trauma, female sexual dysfunction and disorders related to the posterior compartment.
The services are provided in a dedicated unit which has facilities to perform urodynamic studies, pelvic floor and anal sphincter ultrasound and anorectal manometry.

**Special Requirements:**
Fellowship- Needs to have registration with the General Medical Council
Observership- Nil
**Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:**
- **Fellowship:** Minimum one year
- **Observership:** 2 - 6 weeks

**Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?**
- Reasonably priced lodging may be possible subject to availability

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**Program Director:** Dr. Christopher Mayne, MD and Professor Douglas Tincello, MD

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**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**
Leicester hosts one of the most successful and established tertiary referral Urogynaecology centres in the UK; we have trained three subspecialists in the UK and have internationally recognized research output.

**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**
The unit runs three urogynaecology clinics per week with at least three operating sessions per week. All procedures are performed, including midurethral tapes and colposuspension for incontinence, vaginal reconstructive surgery, with or without mesh, and sacrocolpopexy. Currently, our laparoscopic surgery facility is limited, but we are supra-regional referral centre for fistula surgery. There are established multidisciplinary clinics with both urology and colorectal surgery which run on a monthly basis. Research activity includes both clinical and laboratory studies which are ongoing and continually evolving.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**
Leicester is one of Britain's most culturally diverse cities, with a large Asian Indian (Gujarati) population, and significant minorities of African peoples, Afro-Carribbean, and Eastern Europeans. Leicester is about an hour from central London and the Peak District, Sherwood Forest and Birmingham are all close. Leicester has several important tourist attractions: the National Space Centre, New Walk Museum (Roman artifacts), and of course the burial place and bones of Richard III. Leicester Tigers Rugby club and Leicester City Football club form part of the sporting heritage of the city.

**Special Requirements:**
Various documentation will be required in advance:
- Copy of CV
- Proof of eligibility to undertake the placement/ work in the UK (e.g. copy of passport with valid visa; there may be additional requirements depending on which country candidate is from)
- Overseas local police report (for child protection/previous convictions)
- GMC clearance may be required
Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:
Up to three months

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?
It may be possible to secure hospital accommodation for the duration of the observership, although married accommodation is in short supply.

Fellows accepted: No
Observers accepted: Yes

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Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:
The urogynaecology department at Hinchingbrooke has two dedicated Consultant urogynaecologists. I am a subspecialist fellowship trained urogynaecologist having trained at Cambridge university hospital. We have a high quality urogynaecology service offering treatment of primary and recurrent urogynaecological conditions and a twice monthly MDT for complex cases. I have ongoing active clinical research projects and I am also a PI in a multicentre RCT looking at vault support for prolapse. We work closely with our colorectal and urology colleagues and have facilities for conventional and ambulatory urodynamics and a dedicated ambulatory urogynaecology clinic twice monthly.

Clinical and/or research activities offered:
We perform 200 prolapse and incontinence procedures annually including laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy/hysteropexy and sacrospinous fixations, tension free tapes and colposuspension. I also perform total laparoscopic hysterectomies for patients without prolapse. We have a dedicated ambulatory unit where we perform outpatient cystoscopies and paraurethral injections twice monthly.
We offer conventional and ambulatory urodynamics and we have a dedicated MDT twice monthly to discuss complex cases which is well attended by clinicians including colorectal specialist and physiotherapist, urogynaecology nurse specialist and continence advisors.
We have a monthly perineal clinic for managing childbirth related urogynaecological conditions including fecal incontinence and we offer bladder instillations for PBS/IC.
I have an active clinical research programme and have current projects looking at patients experience with prolapse surgery and outpatient cystoscopy. I am also the PI for a multicentre RCT looking at vault support in prolapse surgery. We have an active R&D department with support of a research nurse and library facilities for literature search and statistical support.
The candidate will get very good exposure to laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy and sacrospinous fixation procedures, urodynamics, dedicated urogynaecology and perineal clinics and MDT. In addition they will be encouraged to undertake a project which can be done in the 2-4 weeks observership timescale and present at a national/international meeting.
Areas of special interest and local facilities:
Leicester is one of Britain’s most culturally diverse cities, with a large Asian Indian (Gujarati) population, and significant minorities of African peoples, Afro-Carribbeans, and Eastern Europeans. Leicester is about an hour from central London and the Peak District, Sherwood Forest and Birmingham are all close. Leicester has several important tourist attractions: the National Space Centre, New Walk Museum (Roman artifacts), and of course the burial place and bones of Richard III. Leicester Tigers Rugby club and Leicester City Football club form part of the sporting heritage of the city.

Special Requirements:
None

Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:
2-4 weeks

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?
Yes. Lodging will be available at very reasonable price on site in the hospital accommodation with good transport links to London and Cambridge.

Fellows accepted: No
Observers accepted: Yes

**United States**

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Website: http://obgyn.med.umich.edu/research/programs-units/pfrg
**Clinical experience/scientific record of host site:**
The Pelvic Floor Research Group at the University of Michigan Health System is an internationally recognized research group working to improve the understanding and treatment of pelvic floor disorders. We have two major areas of focus: discovering the basic mechanism underlying the problem of pelvic floor disorders (i.e., exactly what has gone wrong to cause pelvic floor problems) and putting the knowledge into practice with cutting-edge strategies for prevention and treatment of these common and distressing conditions. The PFRG is an interdisciplinary assemblage of U-M providers and researchers. We focus on four research areas: using computer modeling to study injuries to the pelvic floor that occur during childbirth; using advanced magnetic resonance imaging of the pelvic floor to study the details of pelvic floor injury in women with incontinence and prolapse; developing innovative technologies for improving the assessment of pelvic floor muscle strength and urethral function; using the detailed information from the studies to improve selection of patients for proper treatment. Our lines of investigation include:

- Pelvic Organ Prolapse: Cystocele, rectocele, enterocele, uterine prolapse, fallen bladder, fallen uterus
- Urinary Incontinence: Urge incontinence, stress incontinence, mixed incontinence, bladder leakage, fluid overload, bladder irritants
- Fecal Incontinence: Incontinence of gas or stool, flatal incontinence, constipation, loose stools

| Clinical and/or research activities offered: |
| Research in imaging, clinical investigation, biomechanics. |

| Areas of special interest and local facilities: |
| Biomechanics; Advanced anatomical imaging (MRI); Clinical pathophysiology research |

| Special Requirements: |
| None |

| Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution: |
| 2 to 6 months |

| Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution? |
| Yes can assist in locating housing |

| Fellows accepted: |
| No |

| Observers accepted: |
| Yes |

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**Clinical and/or research activities offered:**

Basic research in animal model of voiding dysfunction.

**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**

Female urology; female pelvic medicine; reconstructive surgery; neuro-urology
Special Requirements:
Observership minimal requests below 30 days.
Fellowship requires J-1 visa (about 4-6 months)

Estimated length of time to complete the process of fellowship/observership approval at institution:
Varies

Can the host site provide lodging or help the fellow/observer secure reasonably priced lodging near the institution?
Varies

Fellows accepted: Yes
Observers accepted: Yes

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Clinical and/or research activities offered:
Integrating a global perspective within the section of FPMRS requires input from a number of sources such as study/travel experiences for faculty to learn about the world, as well as an integration of international content within the curriculum or through interactions with international researchers. Another way is to host international researchers who share their life and work experiences with us. The Research Scholar Program provides such an experience for our program as well as the visitors. The Research Scholar Program is open to practicing physicians, educators, or basic scientists who wish to come to the University of Oklahoma and study with on-site faculty mentors in the section of FPMRS. The scholars may come to learn and perform research on 3d Pelvic floor ultrasonography, or perform other basic science research conducted within our section. If you are an international research scholar, your J1 visa will not allow you to have any patient contact. These scholars will provide learning objectives for their time in residence and the International office will assist them with a J-1 visa, finding suitable housing and transportation, office space and access to University facilities such as the library. No certificate is awarded. We do not assess a fee and the scholar will not be paid. This will be a rigorous program for those who intend to perform extensive research and publication. Three weeks of vacation per year is permitted. The scholar should come with own funding, a grant from the International Urogynecologic Association (IUGA) www.iuga.org. The length of study can vary from 6 months to 2 years depending on your level of expertise. Interested applicants need to fill an application as posted below in PDF format, scan and email it back to abbas-shobeiri@ouhsc.edu

After the scholars are accepted into the program,
1) We will put them in touch with the university immigration officers for J1 visa processing.
2) They will need to complete on-line citi research training, and on site training upon arrival to OU.
3) A complete knowledge of Microsoft, database building, and SPSS/SAS database processing or statistics will be helpful.
**Areas of special interest and local facilities:**
Anatomy, Education, Imaging, 3D Ultrasound

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<td>The Regency and Park Harvey are also downtown. I don't know much about them. <a href="http://www.regency-tower.com/">http://www.regency-tower.com/</a>, <a href="http://www.theparkharvey.com">www.theparkharvey.com</a></td>
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<td>For short stays these are some walking distance options: Residence Inn Oklahoma City Downtown/Bricktown 405-601-1700, 40 E Reno Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73104 Medical Inn is located right on campus 405-232-0404 <a href="http://www.miltonplace.com">www.miltonplace.com</a> 1117 NE 13th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73117</td>
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