

YOUR FUTURE AS A PAEDIATRIC SPECIALIST STARTS HERE

## International Paediatric Fellowship Program Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children



Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOSH) in central London is an international centre of excellence and is recognised as a world-class specialist hospital for children. Founded in 1852, and still remaining on its original site, the hospital has a unique heritage from caring exclusively for children for over 160 years. With extensive specialist experience, GOSH has become a world leader in paediatric care, research and training.

GOSH will be offering new International Fellowships from Autumn 2017 to candidates from across the world in an unparalleled range of paediatric specialties. Our Fellowships are aimed at international postgraduate medical trainees who are already well advanced in their specialty training and are looking to gain sub-specialist expertise at a world renowned centre of excellence. The International Fellowship Programme welcomes doctors who have completed four years of specialty training, or above, and who wish to further train at GOSH for one or two years, in preparation for obtaining a consultant staff position in their home country.

### Why choose Great Ormond Street Hospital for a Fellowship?

Great Ormond Street Hospital is uniquely placed in the UK as we are both an official General Medical Council (GMC) Sponsor allowing us to support entry on to the UK Medical Register, and also an official UK government Visa Sponsor (for the necessary Tier 2 visa).

This dual Sponsorship status allows us to streamline the process for International Fellows to enter and work in the UK. We are a world class children's hospital with over sixty paediatric specialties, offering cutting edge treatments for children and excellent training opportunities for the doctors of the future.

### Why choose London?

London is one of the world's most open, multi-cultural and cosmopolitan cities. Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, has said 'London is...entrepreneurial, international and outward looking. The key ingredient of our city's success has been the flow of brilliant ideas and talent from across the globe. Our city is comfortable in its diversity...

### London is open.'

GOSH's location at the heart of London means that the hospital is uniquely placed to unite world-leading experts under one roof, facilitating unparalleled collaborations that will help to change the lives of seriously ill children not just at GOSH but across the world.

## About Great Ormond Street Hospital

GOSH currently delivers the widest range of specialist care of any children's hospital in the UK. The hospital has over 60 paediatric specialties, which uniquely enables it to diagnose and pioneer treatments for children and young people with highly complex, rare or multiple conditions. It has 19 highly specialised national services for rare diseases, and is the largest paediatric centre in the UK for children's heart problems, brain surgery, renal transplantation, intensive care, craniofacial reconstruction and gene therapy. In partnership with the University College Hospital we form the largest centre in Europe for children with cancer.

### Research and education

As one of the UK's leading academic and research powerhouses, University College London (UCL) joined forces with GOSH in 1946 to form the UCL Great Ormond Street (GOS) Institute of Child Health and they now form the largest concentration of children's health researchers in Europe and the largest medical teaching centre in the UK.

GOSH is the only specialist Biomedical Research Centre for paediatrics in the UK.

### The hospital

GOSH only accepts specialist referrals from other hospitals and community services, and therefore does not have an Accident and Emergency department. Our hospital specialises in multidisciplinary care, as the majority of children and young people who attend have rare and complex health problems which require input from multiple specialist teams and healthcare professionals.

GOSH employs  
**4,122**

hospital staff, including doctors, dietitians, nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists and speech and language therapists.



GOSH has  
**63**  
specialities

The UK's widest range of health services for children on one site.



GOSH has **20** nationally commissioned services for rare diseases, the largest number in any NHS trust.



The hospital has more than  
**283,000**  
patient visits every year.

**"All the consultants I have worked with here have been amazing and there is a unique mix of patients that you see here which are quite rare everywhere else. This experience has uniquely prepared me for my new position as a consultant ophthalmologist at a specialist children's hospital in Brisbane."**

Ms Phillipa Sharwood, Consultant Ophthalmologist  
Children's Hospital, Brisbane

## Why do a Fellowship?

The Fellowship Programme will provide a unique experience for the individual doctor and can be partly tailored to their needs.

A Fellowship will be for a minimum of one year, and a maximum of two years. The Fellow will be embedded in their chosen department and will be assigned a dedicated consultant mentor who will monitor and review their progress and will guide them in their learning and in gaining clinical experience.

The Fellow will be a fully involved and active member of the clinical team and will see and manage patients under the guidance of the senior staff, attending multidisciplinary meetings, ward rounds, clinics, operating theatres etc. They will have every opportunity to take advantage of our range of formal teaching, lectures, Grand Rounds, and online training modules. Fellows will be obliged to complete mandatory safety training.

Fellows will be welcome to become involved in research projects if they so wish (in line with senior UK trainees) and will broadly follow the UK higher curriculum of training for their chosen specialty.

Interested applicants will **need to be supported by their home country organisation** and will have to meet our entry requirements (see right).

### Entry requirements for the International Fellowship Programme

- A medical degree that is acceptable to the UK General Medical Council (GMC)
- Have four years or more of specialty training at the time of entry
- Have a postgraduate qualification in their chosen specialty (such as Membership or Fellowship of a United Kingdom Royal College, or an equivalent relevant postgraduate qualification from their home country)
- Be in full time clinical work for the year directly prior to their Fellowship start date
- Have already obtained the IELTS English Language Test (IELTS Academic) with a score of 7.5 or above\* or the Occupational English Test (medicine version) with a score of B in each domain
- Alternatively candidates may apply if they are already registered with the GMC and have, or will have, completed at least four years of speciality training

\*Any applicants that have not reached the required 7.5 IELTS score may be eligible for an intense training course through GOSH to help them reach the required 7.5 score.

**"I have benefitted from many positive experiences on both a personal and professional level, but the single most important one has been working with the professionals at GOSH. They are experts in their field providing world-class medical care, extremely motivated, dedicated and continuously fighting to provide the best care for their patients. Moreover, working closely with, and learning from colleagues from all over the world, from different cultures and backgrounds is uniquely enriching. The rare pathologies and novel diagnostic/therapeutic strategies that one encounters at GOSH, make it an exceptional, highly stimulating environment for a training physician."**

Dr Maria Hidalgo  
Endocrinologist  
Spain

Read more about the application process [→](#)

# Application process to GOSH

## The application process will include:

- Meeting the minimum entry requirements as above
- Obtaining the support and funding of your home organisation (your employer will need to contact us directly for financial information)
- Submitting your application to GOSH through the International Fellowship Programme Manager, or the Head of Clinical Service of your chosen specialty

**Please contact us for more detailed information on the application process.**

## What will happen next?

- All applications for a year of entry will be reviewed and shortlisted
- Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed either in the home country, in the UK or if necessary by Skype
- Successful candidates will be notified and have references checked and verified
- The candidate must then submit an online application directly to the General Medical Council
- At the same time GOSH will issue a GMC Sponsorship Certificate to the candidate and send a copy to the GMC
- The GMC will approve applications for entry on to the UK Medical Register allowing the candidate to work as a doctor in the UK. At this point, the candidate needs to attend an ID check appointment **in person** at the GMC in London, and if successful will be issued with a Licence to Practise
- GOSH applies for an immigration Tier 2 certificate of sponsorship for visa purposes
- The candidate applies online for a Tier 2 entry visa and then attends for an ID check **in person in their home country**. On arriving in the UK the candidate collects a Biometric Residence Permit valid for up to two years

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