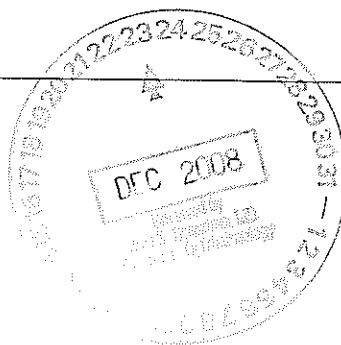




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Joel S. Schuman, MD
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Dear Joel:

We have an outstanding opportunity at the University of Wisconsin for fellowship training in ophthalmic pathology. We offer one and two year fellowships combining diagnostic eye pathology with basic science research. In general, we accept one fellow each year.

I am the principal teacher and mentor for the fellowship program, and devote full time to clinical and experimental pathology-related activities. Dr. Heather Potter, a fully trained and experienced ophthalmic pathologist, works with me also. Dr. T. Michael Nork, who trained with Mark Tso, also participates in the laboratory. We also work closely with several outstanding members of the UW Surgical Pathology Service. Fellows are responsible for the gross examination of specimens. Slides are read with myself and the fellow on a daily basis. In addition to handling the pathology generated here in Madison, we also receive specimens from the Gunderson Clinic and Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin, the Phillips Eye Institute in Minneapolis, Texas Tech, and a numbers of other clinics and practices. We continue to receive material related to the Children's Oncology Group retinoblastoma study and the Collaborative Ocular Melanoma study.

Fellows participate in teaching residents on the service and medical students on elective. Our pathology training program is closely integrated with the Eye Plastic Service where our respective fellows run weekly interdisciplinary conferences. We also interact closely with the retina, cornea, pediatrics, glaucoma, and neuro-ophth services.

Fellows participate in experimental eye pathology research, learning translational and basic science techniques including immunohistochemistry, electron microscopy, and molecular genetics. The list of fellows we have trained who are pursuing successful academic careers is substantial and available on request.

Funding is provided through the Department. We do encourage applicants to seek supplementary funding, if possible, through various agencies.

We are now accepting applications for the fellowship position starting July, 2009. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this opportunity, please ask them to write or call. I can be contacted at (608) 262-9092 or via e-mail at dalbert@wisc.edu.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and kind regards.

Sincerely,

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*P.S. Thank you for your help,
Joel, & best holiday wishes!*