

## FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q. What prior training do I need to be eligible?

A. Completion of a recognized ophthalmology residency in Latin America.

Q. How do I get a visa?

A. UT Southwestern has an international department that includes staff to help you obtain your visa.

Q. How do I get a license?

A. UT Southwestern has a staff to help you complete paper work to apply for a Texas Visiting Professor license. There is a fee for this license of \$167 (USD)

Q. Is there a stipend?

A. The position is paid a salary of \$70,356 per year.

Q. Is housing available?

A. Housing is the responsibility of the fellow. There are many options for housing in the area near the hospital.

Q. Do I need a car?

A. Yes, a car is needed. Dallas is a large metropolitan area. There is some public transportation; however it will not transport you to all the locations you need to go.

Q. Is this an observership?

A. No this is not just an observership, it is a true hands on clinical fellowship. You will have the opportunity to examine, evaluate, and treat patients on a daily basis as well as perform surgical procedures under the supervision of attending physicians.

Q. When should I apply?

A. Applications are taken through the PAAO up until August 10<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Q. When am I notified that I have been selected?

A. Applications are reviewed after August 10<sup>th</sup>. Interviews are conducted by telephone or Skype. Applicants are notified no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Q. Is there research involved?

A. We encourage all fellows to become involved in an independent clinic project of their choosing during the fellowship under the guidance of one of our attendings. We also encourage attendance and when possible presentations at conferences. Several PAAO fellow projects during the fellowship have resulted in publication (see list of PAAO fellow publications)