

University of Michigan / Eversight Eye-Banks Cornea Fellowship

Summary Statement:

The purpose of the Eversight Fellowship is to supplement a University of Michigan cornea fellowship position with advanced training in research and education related to corneal transplantation and eye bank practices. Financial support (supplemental salary support and travel stipend) and 20% protected time will be provided to the fellow to pursue directed research aims during their fellowship in addition to the regular clinical and surgical curriculum for fellowship at Michigan.

Purpose:

Eversight is dedicated to the restoration of sight and supports research into causes and cures of blinding eye conditions through education and research programs. The purpose of the Fellowship is to provide training and advanced skills in research, clinical, and education related to eye banking

Award:

- The fellow will receive \$10,000 additional salary support (in addition to the standard fellowship salary at Michigan)
- The fellow will receive \$10,000 in research support including research funding, travel, supplies, etc. (The candidate can also apply for additional internal and external grants for further funding.)
- The fellow will receive 20% protected research time
- The fellow will gain access to the full resources of the Eversight research division and the Kellogg Eye Center research divisions.

Goals:

1. Education– learn about eye banking, policy issues, tissue processing techniques
2. Research – pursue specific training and projects involving basic science or clinical research in areas involving corneal disease and eye banking
 - a. Examples: clinical outcomes of corneal transplantation, basic research in corneal diseases, or eye bank procedural methods
3. Leadership – skills to become a leader in corneal research and eye banking with the goal of taking on leadership roles in eye banks (medical directorship) and national societies

Curriculum:

- Clinical/research University of Michigan fellowship program (July to June)
- Weekly mentorship meeting with Kellogg faculty
- Mentorship meetings with Eversight leadership
- Ongoing research projects
- Summer: Orientation to cornea and eye banking; research project development and implementation
- Spring: EBAA annual meeting

Application Requirements:

- Applied to and interviewed for one of the cornea fellowship slots at University of Michigan (through SF match application)
- Supplemental Material - see below

Application Process

- Completion of this application is due December 16, 2022 by 5:00 pm EST. Application is available on [Kellogg Eye Center Cornea fellowship web page](#) or can be sent via email upon request Amanda Martinez, Administrative Assistant – martiama@med.umich.edu
- A letter of recommendation from the candidate's chair of ophthalmology, residency program director, or member of Cornea service indicating applicant's interest in corneal/eye banking research
- Applications will be reviewed by a research review committee separately from the SF matching process. Fellows who match at University of Michigan will be notified if awarded supplemental fellowship award.