Comprehensive Fellowship Programme

Divyajyoti Trust, Mandvi (Surat, Gujarat)

(1) Introduction

Divyajyoti Trust is a voluntary development organisation involved in eye care activities in rural tribal areas of Surat district of south Gujarat. Divyajyoti Trust endeavors to reach out & assist the most marginalized folks for eye care through base hospital & outreach programmes based upon the community needs & available manpower.

EYE Programme: More and more people are taking advantage of the services provided by hospital covering population of 3.5 million and diagnostic camps in interior rural areas. The programme, which treats 5,000 patients and operates more than 1,200 patients every month, has facilities like operating microscopes, Diode & Yag lasers, auto refractor, Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), clinical specular microscope, A-B scan, Photo slit lamp, Phaco-emulsification & automated perimeter. Surgeries like cataract with intraocular lense implantation & Keratoplasty are regularly performed. About 75% patients get free treatment for which financial assistance from organisations and local community is available.

(2) Objectives of the Fellowship Programme

The Major objective of the training programme is to develop a cadre of trained professionals in the field of eye care work. This will improve the participation of people in the eye care activities which, in turn, increase the cases of surgeries. Ultimately, eye care programme will spread to nook and corner of the targeted geographical area.

(3) Duration

Residential 1.5 year programme.

(4) Fellowship Methodology

(a) Operation theatre posting for 3 days every week. The fellow will be required to examine the eyes of patients attending the OPD for three days.

(b) There will be two field days per week. This may be in the form of diagnostic eye camp or surgical work at Netrang Community Health Centre (CHC). The fellow may have to attend the field work for the surveys also.

(c) The fellow will get approx. 400 small incision cataract surgeries in 1.5-year time but it will also depend on the surgical skills of the candidate and accordingly the no. of surgeries may vary. Similarly, the timing may be different depending upon individual candidate as s/he performs various tasks during the training.

(d) Phacoemulsification **(**Phaco) surgeries will be allowed only after six months. Furthermore, the fellow is capable to perform 15 SICS in one session. Fellow can expect to get approx. 100 phaco surgeries by the end of 1.5-year period. If the competence levels of the fellow is not upto the mark, we may not allow phaco surgeries to the fellow. It will be upto the senior Ophthalmologists to decide whether the fellow will get phaco surgeries. The fellow will be permitted a maximum of four phaco surgeries per week once cleared to perform them.

(e) On operating days, fellows can attend specialty clinics in the afternoon if General Ophthalmology duties are finished or covered by other colleagues.

(f) Interested candidates may also spend their free time or evening hours in the research department.

(5) Stipend

Fellows with an M.S. degree will receive a monthly stipend of Rs. 50,000, while Diploma candidates will be paid Rs. 45,000 per month. Payments will be deposited directly into the fellow's bank account. For this purpose, fellows are required to open an account at the DCB Bank, Mandvi branch.

(6) Accommodation

- Semi-furnished single-room quarter or a shared two-bedroom apartment.
- 7.5% of the stipend will be added to the annual salary certificate as rental value to meet legal requirements.
- Maintenance costs will be deducted directly from the stipend.
- Electricity bills must be paid directly by the fellow.

(7) Food

- Food is provided via a standard Gujarati Thali system (dal, rice, chapati, and vegetables) with no individual menu modifications accommodated.
- Monthly catering costs will be deducted directly from the stipend at subsidized staff rates.

(8) Library

Library contains reference books and video cassettes which can be used by the trainees.

(9) For Further Information Please Contact

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BIO DATA

To be submitted by the fellow to join fellowship at Divyajyoti Trust, Mandvi

Full Name:	**Date of Birth:**
Postal Address:	**Pin Code:**
Phone (With STD Code):	**Email Address:**

Educational Qualifications:

Examination Passed	Year of Passing	Board / University	Percentage of Marks	Remarks

Previous Work Experience in Ophthalmology:

Name of Hospital or NGO	Nature of Work Done	Period (Dates)	
		From	To

Reason why applicant wants training in ophthalmological work / paramedical work?

Please read carefully general information about Divyajyoti Trust and facilities available for trainees before sending this form.

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Signature of Candidate

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Signature & Seal of the Sponsoring Organisation

Place: _____
Date: _____