

Q&A

General remarks

The Lausanne University Department of Ophthalmology and Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital

The Medical Director a.i., Professor Thomas Jona Wolfensberger, is an ophthalmology professor at the Lausanne University Medical and Biology School and leads the Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital Medical Department (HOJG).. He is assisted by 13 Consultant Doctors.

The Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital includes, in addition to the Medical Director, one Full Professor, two Associate Professors, four Privat-Doctent Senior Lecturers and four Senior Lecturers (MER), as well as many hospital doctors.

The Jules Gonin Eye Hospital consists of the emergency department and specialist consultations grouped into five areas:

- **an anterior segment area** : cornea, contactology, refractive surgery, glaucoma, eyelid and orbital surgery,
- **a posterior segment area** : surgical and medical retina, uveitis (ocular immuno-infections)
- **an SNOB area** : Strabology, neuro-ophthalmology, paediatric ophthalmology, low vision rehabilitation,
- **an oncology area** : paediatric and adult oncology, histopathology and ocular genetics
- **a research area**: translational research and clinical ophthalmic research centre.

Apart from the outpatient clinics, the hospital also includes a hospital ward unit, an operating unit (4 operating rooms and a clean room), an eye bank, a histopathology laboratory, an experimental laboratory, a low vision rehabilitation centre and a library managed by a librarian.

The Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital trains 18 full-time Residents and five full-time Chief Residents. According to demand and hospital requirements, Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital also employs extra-curricular Residents who are not integrated into the standard curriculum.

What are the advantages of training at Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital?

Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital is an internationally known centre for its excellence in ophthalmology.

The Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital is a FMH (Swiss Medical Association) www.fmh.ch type A centre for ophthalmology allowing students to complete three years of recognised ophthalmology training before spending another year at another type A, B or C centre, and has European Board of Ophthalmology certification. www.ebo-online.org

The Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital designs its training with the following in mind:

- to prepare Residents for the FMH specialisation in ophthalmology, and the FMH specialisation
- in ophthalmic surgery for Chief Residents www.fmh.ch.

Residents develop the independence, competence and ethics required to care for patients with ophthalmology pathologies. Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital is one of the few centres in Switzerland that is competent in all the ophthalmology sub-specialties.

Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital offers Residents a structured training programme over three years in all four of the clinical areas.

The training plan for Chief Residents takes place over two years, giving them the opportunity to complete the FMH surgical catalogue in two years with rotations in certain specialised units.

The Jules Gonin-Eye Hospital actively encourages its Residents in their training offering them time off and financing for many courses/conferences. Doctors in training also receive weekly lectures given by Consultant Doctors covering all ophthalmology sub-specialisations over a three-year cycle. Education in Economy in the Health Sector, Pharmacotherapy and Error Management, Evidence-Based Medicine is covered by weekly courses provided by the CHUV. Every year a surgical training day is organised with wetlabs where the Residents can practice cataract surgery.

Applying with a foreign degree in medicine

Swiss regulations limit the obtainment of a license to practice in Switzerland. In general, European degrees require an application for equivalence and qualifications from third countries are not recognised. The Swiss Confederation is responsible for the recognition of foreign diplomas

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/fr/home/themen/berufe-im-gesundheitswesen/auslaendische-abschluessegesundheitsberufe.html>

Getting a scholarship

Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital does not give scholarships. Below are some links for getting a scholarship:

- State Secretariat for Education and Research SER (Switzerland).
<http://www.sbf.admin.ch/index.html?lang=fr>,
- University Scholarship from the Swiss Confederation for foreign students and artists
https://www.bfh.ch/fr/service/international_relations_office/etudiants_entrants_incoming/bourses_de_la_confederation.html
- Study scholarship from the University of Lausanne <https://www.unil.ch/sasme/fr/home/menuguid/faq/questions-sur-les-bourses.html>
- Educa Switzerland study scholarship <http://boursesdetudes.educa.ch/fr>

Private funding

We give priority to recipients of a scholarship for a minimum period of one year, preferably institutional, as this proves that a formal institution is sensitive to the quality of your file, which supports your application. Candidates who have a different type of funding are considered on a case-by-case basis.

General Practitioner Training

Without exception, Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital hires doctors in training for a minimum period of one year, but in principle for 3 years. If a doctor wants to apply for its general practitioner specialisation curriculum for a period of one year, we consider their candidacy, but preference will be given to those who intend to pursue a career in ophthalmology.

Logistics

Leave for Residents

Doctors in training receive 25 leave days, plus five compensation days for Residents (public holidays/Saturdays) and ten compensation days for Chief Residents (on-call/public holidays). Doctors submit their leave requests four months in advance and must take at least one week of leave per quarter in principle. In the Specialisation Units, Residents and Chief Residents align their leave with that of the Consultant Doctors whenever possible.

Salaries and expenses

The salaries of doctors in training follow the scales set out in the Convention of the Canton of Vaud (C-CTMédAss) http://www.unil.ch/webdav/site/srh/shared/Lois_reglements/medecins_assistants_convent.pdf

The doctor in training must be able to meet all personal expenses (housing, insurance, transportation, etc).

The cost of living in Switzerland

University of Lausanne, cost of living and education, <http://www.unil.ch/immat/page5626.html>

University of Lausanne, administrative tax, <http://www.unil.ch/immat/page5392.html>

Training of Residents

The specifics of FMH specialisation in ophthalmology

The FMH Ophthalmologist diploma can be obtained after completing the Swiss Confederation's final Medicine exam or its equivalent, followed by a minimum of five years of post-graduate training: four years ophthalmology experience in two ophthalmology centres recognised in Switzerland or abroad (up to 3 years in the same centre), and one year in another specialisation. You will find further information on <http://www.chuv.ch/fr/chuv-home/formation/offre-de-formation/offre-de-formation-detail/formation/ophtalmologie-medecin/>

Residents must pass the ICO examination "International Council of Ophthalmology examination" during their 1st or 2nd year of training.

To do this, they must take the 'Basic Sciences' class during their first year of training and the 'Clinical Sciences' class as part of Swiss Eye Week (January/February) during their 3rd year. Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital offers funding for the Swiss Eye Week up to CHF 1'200.00 and for the ICO examination up to CHF 500.-. http://www.icoph.org/refocusing_education/examinations.html.

At the end of the training and according to FMH rules <http://www.fmh.ch/fr/index.html> ; the EBO examination (European Board of Ophthalmology) <http://www.ebo-online.org/> is required to obtain the FMH. This is a degree related to the person and not the institution; it is not reimbursed by Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital. The time required to prepare and pass this exam is the responsibility of the doctor in training and is not reimbursed by the Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital.

The FMH training plan for a Resident at Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital

Residents perform a rotation in each Specialisation:

2 x 6 months in the posterior segment area

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6 months in the SNOB area

6 months in the oncology area

During their training Residents participate in outpatient consultations, as well as ophthalmological emergencies, both day and night.

The Polyclinic and Specialisations

As Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital is the ophthalmology branch of the CHUV (Vaudois University Hospitals), a Resident is posted here five days a week. Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital has two fully-equipped examination cubicles and a secretariat. A Chief Resident or a Consultant Doctor may be called on at Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital if necessary. Residents examine patients hospitalised at the CHUV, and in the psychiatric ward.

Admissions

The emergency department at Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Residents spend the night in the hospital and are supported by a Chief Resident who is on-call. Daytime ward duty, consisting of two doctors, is provided from 8am to 8pm and night care is provided by a Resident between 8pm and 8am. The duration of the ward duty and compensation days provided is based on the Federal Labour Law and the C-CTMédAss Convention in the canton of Vaud.

During the academic year, every Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 6pm, four classes are given by Consultant Doctors.

Doctors in training present cases twice a year. This work is prepared under the supervision of a Consultant Doctor and aims to prepare the doctor in training for presenting results at national and international scientific conferences. They are also asked to undertake at least one annual research project, supervised by a Consultant Doctor and presented during the Research Day for doctors in training, which takes place on the first Thursday in December and is followed by a Christmas meal for all the doctors at Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital.

Participation in national and international conferences is encouraged.

The commitment criteria for a Resident at Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital are as follows:

- A Swiss medical degree or equivalent
- marks from the final medical examination or classification
- At least 1 internship in ophthalmology with evaluation
- 1 year of training outside ophthalmology is preferred, preferably in surgery/internal medicine.
- scientific activities, such as research, publications
- at least one written recommendation
- at least one written recommendation from a former supervisor
- for non-francophone candidates, a level of at least B2 in French

How to apply ?

Through our website when the application periods are open.

<http://www.ophtalmique.ch/hôpital-ophtalmique-jules-gonin/formation-en-ophtalmologie/candidat-médecin-assistant-chef-de-clinique.aspx>

If you have not found the answer to your question in the FAQs, do not hesitate to contact us:
(max. 200 char.) : medicalapplications@fa2.ch

Training for Chief Residents

Details of the training plan for Chief Residents

The EBO certificate + the FMH specialist diploma in ophthalmology are prerequisites for this course, www.fmh.ch

Training of Chief Residents at Jules-Gonin Eye Hospital takes place over two years to complete the FMH Ophthalmic Surgery catalogue. www.fmh.ch

The training of a Chief Resident consists of:

- operating theatre,
- general and specialist consultations,
- on-call activities for medical and surgical ophthalmic emergencies
- participation in clinical research and the training of Residents.

During these two years of training Chief Residents follow a ten-hour course (two days) in micro-surgery in Freiburg, https://www.sog-ssso.ch/fileadmin/SOG-Dokumente/Weiterbildung/2011Cours-de-microchirurgie-reconnus-pour-la-formation-approfondie-ophtalmochirurgie-FMH_150711.pdf and they attend the "European Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons" conference <http://www.es CRS.org/>

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- 1 year of training outside ophthalmology is preferred, preferably in surgery/internal medicine.
- surgical experience desired
- FMH diploma in ophthalmology
- ICO and IBO certification
- scientific activities, such as research, publications
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