

Visiting Dentist Program in Pediatric Dentistry

The Visiting Dentist Program at The Center for Pediatric Dentistry (www.thecenterforpediatricdentistry.com) is part of the University of Washington School of Dentistry Visiting Scholars Program. The Program is designed for dental professionals from around the world who wish to broaden their knowledge of pediatric dentistry through participation in our educational, clinical and research activities. The clinical activities are observational in nature; no hands-on experience with patients is offered. The program varies from one week to 12 months in length, determined by the availability of both the applicant and The Center for Pediatric Dentistry. [Applications](#) are open year-round.

Program Description

Participants will enjoy a rich and unique cultural environment due to the diverse population we serve and the different backgrounds of the faculty and students. They will be able to interact on a daily basis with a renowned pediatric dental faculty as well as our graduate and dental students. They will be able to participate in most educational activities being offered at the time of the visit in both the pre-doctoral and graduate levels. Lectures, seminars, case presentations and discussions focus on literature reviews of classic and contemporary articles, clinical care options, preventive strategies and research related to oral health for children and adolescents with and without special health-care needs.

Observation of clinical care of patients will be done at The Center for Pediatric Dentistry clinic, including its faculty practice. Clinical care may include the use of nitrous oxide and/or conscious oral sedation. Dental care under general anesthesia may be observed after approval from Seattle Children's Hospital. In addition to observing the pediatric dental faculty and students, participants may also have the opportunity to interact with other dental specialists who participate actively in the delivery of care to our patients.

Courses Offered in Pediatric Dentistry*

Summer I

- Fundamentals of Pediatric Dentistry
- Topics in Pediatric Dentistry (year-round)
- Local Anesthesia

Fall I

- Pulp Therapy in the Primary and Permanent Dentitions
- Dental Traumatology
- Behavior Management
- Research design
- Biostatistics
- Orthodontics (year-round)

Winter I

- Oral Care for Medically Compromised Patients I
- Cariology and Prevention
- Pediatric Oral Pathology
- Principles of Sedation and General Anesthesia

Spring I

- Oral Care for Medically Compromised Patients II
- Dental Materials
- Pediatric Oral Medicine
- Pediatric Oral Radiology

Fall II

- Advocacy
- Practice Management

*Course selection and timing are subject to change without notice.

Program Fee and Other Expenses

In addition to the program fee (see table below), visiting dentists are responsible for housing, food and medical/dental insurance fees as well as for visa, travel and personal expenses. Neither the School of Dentistry nor The Center for Pediatric Dentistry has funds to assist participants with their travel or living expenses or staff to help them secure outside funding. For visa purposes, visiting dentists must be able to show that they can meet the minimum support requirements for themselves and their dependents.

\$2,000/week

\$5,000/month

\$9,000/quarter (three months)

\$16,000/six months/two quarters

\$30,000 /year/four quarters

Application and Selection Process

The program application, which can be found [here](#), should be submitted together with a nonrefundable fee of \$100 made out to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. This is an elective non-credit program with no formal language proficiency requirement; however, applicants must have a working knowledge of English. After application materials have been reviewed by the committee, a phone interview with the Program Director and/or Department Chair will be required before admittance. Applicants must provide a copy of a current dental license in the state or country of their residence before the program starts. A translated and certified copy is to be submitted for all letters and documents that are not in English. Applicants will not be allowed in the program until all documents have been received and verified.

We regret that not all applicants can be accepted into the program.

Benefits and Responsibilities

Benefits

- **Faculty Interactions:** Discuss areas of common interest in education and research with Pediatric Dentistry faculty, residents, dental students and faculty in other departments.
- **Office Space:** Office space may be available at The Center for Pediatric Dentistry, generally on a shared-office basis.
- **Computer Access:** Computer access is available in offices; however, visitors may be required to use their own computers.
- **Didactic Courses:** Visiting Dentists are encouraged to attend lecture courses, journal club and seminars in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.
- **Observing Clinics:** Visiting Dentists will be allowed to observe clinical activities at The Center for Pediatric Dentistry. Scholars must be accompanied at all times by the host or other faculty and

with clear ID and the proper clinical attire. Observation in the Faculty Practice Clinic at The Center will be at the discretion of the faculty practicing that day. Scholars must meet all federal and state compliance guidelines (training, immunizations, etc.) prior to observations in any clinic.

- **Research:** All Visiting Dentists are encouraged to attend research seminars in the Department. If the Visiting Dentist is interested in participating in ongoing research projects at The Center, he/she must contact **The Center's director of research prior to arriving to discuss his/her interests**. Data relating to research done at UW is property of the University and may not be used elsewhere without authorization. All publications resulting from participation in the program must be approved by the principal investigator or faculty mentor and published according to prevailing ethical and professional standards.
- **Other:** Visiting Dentists may also be interested in participating in the [Summer Institute in Clinical Dental Research](#). Participation is competitive and separate from this program. Attendance of any regional, national or international conferences is encouraged, but the Visiting Dentist will be responsible for all costs associated with such meetings (membership, registration, travel, etc.).
- **Parking:** There is free parking around The Center for Pediatric Dentistry.

Responsibilities and Limitations

- **Living Arrangements:** Visiting Dentists are responsible for all housing, transportation and personal costs while at the University of Washington. They must make their own living and transportation arrangements. The department may be able to guide the applicant to various resources but will not be responsible for those arrangements.
- **Employment at the University and/or at The Center:** Participation in the program does not warrant any employment opportunities or acceptance into the graduate program in pediatric dentistry.
- **Patient Treatment:** Scholars may not participate in any clinical care while at the University.
- **Professional Behavior:** Scholars are expected to conduct themselves within all standards of ethical and professional behavior while at the University. Professional attire is required at all times while at The Center.
- **Health Insurance:** Scholars are expected to have health insurance coverage while they are at the University. Please see [J-1 Visa Insurance Requirements](#) for more information.
- Completion of the program does not qualify participants for licensure in the U.S. or credential them as pediatric dentists. Participants will receive a departmental letter at the end of the program stating their date of participation. No diploma or certificate will be issued.