

Associate Ophthalmologist – Flying Eye Hospital Program



About ORBIS

ORBIS is dedicated to saving sight and eliminating avoidable blindness worldwide.

ORBIS provides the tools, training and technology necessary for local partners to develop their own capacity for quality eye care services that are affordable, accessible, and sustainable.

What is an Associate Ophthalmologist?

As part of ORBIS' commitment to cultivate the next generation of ophthalmologists to be engaged in global blindness prevention and sight restoration efforts, we created the role of Associate Ophthalmologist aboard the Flying Eye Hospital. This program offers a structured environment for motivated young ophthalmologists-in-training interested in international ophthalmology and/or public health.

The Flying Eye Hospital typically conducts six to eight (two week duration) programs in any calendar year, and we can accommodate two Associate Ophthalmologists per program week. Acceptance is competitive and awarded based on availability.

Role

We do our best to match our Associate Ophthalmologists with the clinic and Volunteer Faculty of their preferred subspecialty. However, we do ask all Associate Ophthalmologists to be **flexible** as the staffing needs of the program will change on any given day.

While you will not be able to provide direct patient or surgical care on program due to in-country credentialing requirements, assigned tasks will include:

- Working directly with Volunteer Faculty on screening day, assisting with patient examinations, surgical sign-ups, and helping the ORBIS staff ophthalmologists with clinical care.
- Giving basic lectures on a chosen subspecialty
- Giving a PowerPoint presentation about your training program
- Training participants on simulator programs in either phaco or retina surgery
- Assisting with post-operative examinations and care
- Other program components (rural outreach, workshops, case studies, etc)

Requirements

To apply for consideration and selection, each Associate Ophthalmologist candidate must have a degree from an accredited medical school; maintain current medical registration/licensure; be at least a second year resident, and hold a valid passport. Please keep in mind you will be expected to be culturally sensitive and respectful of local tradition and law.

The Associate Ophthalmologist role is a **self-funded position**. ORBIS provides on-site accommodation, but each candidate will be expected to fund his/her own airfare, meals, and other incidental expenses. ORBIS' travel department is pleased to assist each Associate Ophthalmologist in organizing their respective travel itineraries and visa.

ORBIS encourages all interested candidates to explore available academic credit or medical elective funding from their respective programs! ORBIS will supply a letter to any respective Residency or Fellowship Program Director upon request.