

Epilepsy Fellowship
Bladin-Berkovic Comprehensive Epilepsy Program, Austin Health
Melbourne, Australia

An epilepsy fellowship (minimum 12 months) is available for suitable applicants at the Bladin-Berkovic Comprehensive Epilepsy Program of Austin Health, Melbourne. The name of the program recognises the pioneering role of Dr Peter Bladin, who founded at Austin Health the first epilepsy service in Australia, and the outstanding contributions of Laureate Professor Sam Berkovic to epilepsy clinical care and research. Comprehensive medical and surgical epilepsy care is provided through 3 adult and 2 paediatric video-EEG monitoring suites, the stereo-EEG program, and a range of specialist outpatient clinics, comprising first seizure, epilepsy, ketogenic diet, and neuromodulation clinics. Major research aspects of the program include epilepsy genetics, advanced imaging (functional MRI, EEG-fMRI, diffusion tractography), the pharmacological treatment of epilepsy, epilepsy surgery, neuromodulation / epilepsy DBS, epilepsy and pregnancy, and neuropsychology.

Fellows will be working at an internationally recognised centre of excellence, receiving training in paediatric and adult epileptology, across the full range of epilepsy presentations from mild to severe, new onset ('first seizure') to established epilepsy. The clinical program includes exposure to SPECT, PET, neuropsychology, and psychiatry. Fellows will receive comprehensive training in EEG, including interpretation of routine EEG, ambulatory EEG, inpatient video-EEG, and stereo-EEG investigations. Fellows will also be able to attend a variety of educational activities, including weekly clinical epileptology, EEG and neuroimaging teaching; meetings of the department of neurology and neuroradiology; hospital grand rounds; and university research seminars.

Participation in a research project tailored to the applicant's interests will be highly encouraged, allowing fellows to experience the vibrant clinical research culture of the Bladin-Berkovic Comprehensive Epilepsy Program and surrounding academic institutions. Strongly supported is also the undertaking of a research degree (PhD or Master's degree) concomitantly with the fellowship.

Applicants are required to hold a MBBS (or equivalent) and to have completed neurology training at approved institutions, allowing for medical registration in Australia. Prior exposure to epilepsy care is desirable, but not mandatory.

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