

Faculty Survey for EyeRes Q&A

Thank you for sharing about your program! With no in-person interviews and the limit of one away rotation, at [EyeRes](#), we are providing free resources for applicants to learn more about programs virtually and to help promote your program. Please complete this document and email your response to eyerestools@gmail.com.

Attach any pictures or videos of your program/residents that you want to share alongside your submission. Feel free to insert any links in your responses. For a sample program page, check out [this link](#).

Residency Program: University of Missouri Columbia – Mason Eye Institute

Contact info (if you'd like this to be publicly available to applicants): [Dr. Geetha Davis](#)

Are there social media accounts you would like to promote?

Instagram - [@mizzouophthalmology](#) (resident-run)

What are unique aspects of your program? How would you describe the culture for those who won't be able to rotate in-person?

There is a strong family environment to our residency program. We are all here for each other and the program is focused on resident teaching. All of the attendings are very approachable and provide one-on-one mentorship.

What is the rotation schedule like? Is the pre-lim year integrated? Call schedule?

(Not all programs include this on their website, but if yours does, feel free to leave this blank and we will paste the information in)

We are an integrated program that allows residents to gain experience in ophthalmology as an intern. The integrated first year involves exposure to ophthalmology relevant disciplines. Integrated interns will have 2-4 week rotations in rheumatology, endocrinology, infectious diseases, neurology and neuroradiology. 2 months will be spent in the emergency department and 3 months will be spent on VA Internal Medicine Wards. 3 months will be spent with the ophthalmology department including the first month (July) and the last two months (May and June).

During PGY-2 residents will complete three month rotations in Comprehensive, Glaucoma, Neuroophthalmology, VA. During PGY-3, residents will complete three month rotations in Retina, Pediatrics, Cornea, and VA. PGY-4 consists of three month rotations in Comprehensive, Glaucoma, Plastics, and VA.

The call schedule during PGY-2 year consists of every 5th weekend and one major holiday. PGY-3 requires call every 20th weekend and on minor holiday. Our senior residents take call every 4 days and every 4th weekend are on backup call.

Thank You!

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Is there an emphasis on research or dedicated time?

Many of our faculty are actively involved in research and often travel around the country and world with residents and students to present their projects. Here is a selection of research activity over the previous few years. For more information, please visit this link:

<https://medicine.missouri.edu/departments/ophthalmology/residency/residency-research>

Residents are allowed to present at three national meetings per residency (paid for the department). In addition, they are required to present at annual resident research day which provides 1000\$ stipends. You can also take 2 half days per month for dedicated research time!

Are there programs to promote resident wellness?

One of the main strengths of our resident program is the comradery among residents and faculty. We are truly like family as we will be spending more time with each other than our own families. As a result, resident wellness is something we take very seriously. We provide support for residents that need any additional counseling and all of that information is kept confidential. In addition, residents are allowed one wellness day a year. In addition, we have several resident-run activities including trivia nights and 5K charities that we hold every year!

Are there any STEP1/2 cutoffs when considering applicants?

No! We review applicants on a holistic basis and do not have any cutoffs.

Share your general advice for aspiring ophthalmologists in the Class of 2022:

Just be yourself and enjoy the process!!

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