

University of Louisville School of Medicine
Department of OB/GYN & Women's Health
Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship

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Description

The three-year accredited ACGME fellowship program offers clinical, teaching, and research experience while providing comprehensive training to diagnose and treat conditions of pelvic organ prolapse, urinary and fecal incontinence, and voiding and defecatory dysfunction. Surgical education includes a rare balance of vaginal, open, and laparoscopic, and robotic techniques, including opportunities to train on a dual console of the DaVinci Si robot.

The program offers comprehensive education in procedural treatments for the pelvic floor such as sacral neuromodulation, urethral bulking injection, posterior tibial nerve stimulation, operative cystoscopy, and pessary use. The combination of mentorship from subspecialty-trained FPMRS physicians, urologists, and colorectal surgeons allows for a varied and comprehensive education.

Unique opportunities include a laparoscopic dry lab and a fresh tissue human cadaver lab with full laparoscopic set-up. Specialty specific and departmental didactics are attended weekly. Fellows serve as mentors to students, residents and peers during outpatient clinics and surgical procedures.

Fellows participate in mentored basic science and clinical research projects with faculty mentors within the divisions of FPMRS, colorectal surgery, urology, engineering, gastroenterology, geriatric medicine, and more.

Program Aims

- Maintain faculty that hone knowledge and skills, are active in research, provide quality mentorship based on current evidence-based practices and model professional behavior.
- Develop competent clinicians with the knowledge, clinical and surgical skills necessary to practice independently.
- Produce academicians who model professional behavior, are able to relay medical knowledge to future learners and serve as mentors during office based clinical practice and surgical procedures.

- Maintain a culture of inquiry, research, and scholarly activity that prepares fellows to independently design, implement, and analyze research for presentation and publication in peer-reviewed journals.

Number of Fellows: 1 per year

Program Length: 3 years

Supporting Faculty

Department of OB/GYN & Women's Health

Division of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery

Shan Biscette, MD, Division Director

Resad Pasic, MD, Fellowship Director

Department of Urology

Kellen Bo Yung Choi, DO, Director of Female Urology

Murali Ankem, MD, Chair

Jaime Messer, MD

Department of Surgery

Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery

Jeffrey R. Jordan, MD

Russell Farmer, MD

School of Public Health and Information Sciences

Department of Bioinformatics and Biostatistics

Jeremy Gaskins, PhD

Department of Medicine

Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

Thomas Abell, MD, Chair, Gastroenterology

Nurse Practitioners

Department of OB/GYN & Women's Health, Division of FPMRS

Alyce Goodman Abraham, APRN, WHNP

Heather Lange, APRN, WHNP

Private Practice Physicians

Ryan Malone, MD,

First Urology of Jeffersonville Indiana

Specialty: Urology

Lori Warren, MD

Women's First

Specialty: OB/GYN & Women's Health, FPMRS Board Certified, MIGS

Susan Tate, MD

Urogynecology Specialists

Specialty: OB/GYN, FPMRS Board Certified

Application Process

Applications to the University of Louisville Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Program will be accepted ONLY through the Association of American Medical College's (AAMC) Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS).

Prospective fellows are invited to interview based on information provided in the personal statement, letters of recommendation, research, and scholastic accomplishments and USMLE scores. It is the policy of this program to select the most qualified candidates regardless of gender, race, creed, color, national origin, handicap, age or sexual orientation. All applicants must register for and participate in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP).

Eligibility Requirements

- All required clinical education for entry into ACGME accredited fellowship programs must be completed in an ACGME accredited residency program, or in an RCPSC accredited or CFPC accredited residency program located in Canada.
- For an international Medical School graduate, verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification will be required.
- Our program does accept J1 Visa applicants as long as the applicant has three years remaining on their visa in order to complete the fellowship.

Important Dates

The AUGS Fellowship Training Committee has implemented a standardized process for the "first round" of interview offers sent to applicants. The goal is to help applicants accept and coordinate interviews with their preferred programs and to have adequate time to get work coverage and make travel plans. The University of Louisville FPMRS Fellowship will be following the recommended timeline below:

12/1/19: Fellowship application submission opens.

2/15/20: Applications received by this date will be considered for the 1st round of interview offers by all participating fellowship programs.

3/2/20: By 5 PM ET, Interview offers, waitlist status and declinations will be emailed to first-round applicants. Offer will include interview dates, and the expected method for an applicant to accept or decline the interview offer. We will not offer more interviews than the number of interview slots available.

3/8/20: 5 PM ET., Deadline for applicants to accept or reject interview offer. *Non-response or failure to accept by the deadline will be considered a decline.*

4/1/20: APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE APPLICATIONS

4/10/20: By 5 PM ET, Final interview offers and declinations will be emailed to all applicants.

4/17/20: By 5 PM ET, Deadline for applicants to accept or reject interview offer. *Non-response or failure to accept by the deadline will be considered a decline.*

UofL FPMRS Fellowship Interviews April 15, 2020 and May 20, 2020

Applicants are invited to attend an informal dinner the night before with our current fellows. This event is not mandatory but attendance is encouraged. The interview day usually starts at 7:30 a.m. and lasts through mid-afternoon.