



LIMB RECONSTRUCTION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

VicOrtho - Melbourne, Australia - August 2025

SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN PAEDIATRIC DEFORMITY & ONCOLOGY

VicOrtho offers a 12-month fellowship for orthopaedic surgeons seeking training in limb reconstruction, oncology, hip preservation, and paediatric orthopaedics. This prestigious program provides comprehensive exposure to paediatric deformity and oncological reconstruction under the guidance of Associate Professor Leo Donnan, Dr. Stewart Morrison, Dr. Lucas Annabell, and Dr. Christopher Harris.

COMPREHENSIVE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Fellows will engage in a rich clinical environment across three leading healthcare facilities: St Vincent Private Hospital, Epworth Hospital, and the Royal Children's Hospital. This setting provides exposure to about three major reconstructive cases weekly, alongside significant pre- and post-operative management. The fellowship offers extensive hands-on experience in complex paediatric deformity surgery and trauma management, with chances to assist and perform procedures under supervision.

ADVANCED TRAINING & RESEARCH

Our program combines clinical training with research opportunities. Fellows will gain expertise in deformity analysis via clinical examination, radiological evaluation, and gait studies. The curriculum includes preoperative planning sessions, cross-sectional anatomy workshops, and techniques for external and internal fixation. Post-operative care features collaborative reviews with physiotherapists and clinical nurse specialists, enhancing patient management understanding.

Research is central to the fellowship, with access to facilities at Murdoch Children's Research Centre. Fellows maintain the LimbDream registry and use it for research projects. The program promotes a scholarly environment through clinicopathological tutorials, journal reviews, and participation in Oncology MDM and Limb Reconstruction meetings. Completing the fellowship requires achievement of a publication.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT & PRACTICAL DETAILS

Beyond clinical and research training, fellows will develop educational skills by providing monthly teaching sessions to RACS Orthopaedic Registrars. This teaching experience, combined with exposure to ancillary surgeries related to limb reconstruction, prepares fellows for leadership roles in their future careers.

The fellowship offers a remuneration package of approximately \$65,000 AUD annually, with opportunities for supplementary income through private assisting once Medicare approves. Fellows are entitled to four weeks of holiday leave, with additional conference leave available for scientific presentations. On-call responsibilities may include one day per fortnight at the Royal Children's Hospital and coverage for complex cases at private clinics.

Under the dedicated supervision of A/Professor Leo Donnan and Dr. Stewart Morrison, this fellowship provides the perfect foundation for surgeons aspiring to excellence in the specialized field of limb reconstruction.

Eligibility

Suitable for advanced orthopaedic trainees or recent graduates seeking subspecialty experience in limb reconstruction, oncology and paediatric orthopaedics

Commitment to research, teaching, and multidisciplinary collaboration

Primary degree in English or passed IELTS or OET exam

How to Apply

Submit applications to Vicki Williams at VicOrtho **donnan.office@vicortho.com.au**

Application Deadline: June 2025

Start Date: August 2025

Please provide

1. Cover letter – why you are applying for this fellowship and your intended career pathway (400 words)
2. Publication document – complete the publication document only for publications with a DOI
3. Attach an up-to-date CV that includes
 - Appointments held
 - Clinical experience
 - Research experience
 - Academic achievements
 - General interests
4. Passport photograph
5. Provide a copy of your International English Language Testing System (IELTS) / Occupational English Test (OET) results or evidence that your entire Secondary and Tertiary education was completed in English.

- Please note: that secondary education results are only accepted from the UK, Ireland, Canada, USA, New Zealand and South Africa. All doctors who have completed their secondary education in any other country must provide current IELTS results and academic modules, with minimum band scores of 7 in every category.

6. Copy of original medical degree

7. Three references

- Ensure that three references are either attached or forwarded directly. The references must indicate support for a Fellowship in Paediatric Orthopaedics at the VicOrtho, Melbourne and be no more than a few months old at the time of application.