

Information for international fellows



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The mission of the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Research Centre (ONJ Centre) is to continue discovering and developing therapies to improve health outcomes and address the challenges of cancer beyond medical treatment.

Our new cancer centre was constructed in 2013 with radiation oncology, medical oncology and malignant haematology services in one building. The centre is part of the Austin Hospital, a major tertiary hospital situated just over fifteen kilometres from the centre of Melbourne.

Patients of the ONJ Centre have the opportunity to experience world-leading treatment complemented by wellness and care programs that focus on the mind and spirit, as well as the body. With over 200 clinical trials in progress, patients also have access to new, breakthrough therapies.



Our radiation oncology department

At a glance:

1200 radiation courses per year
3 Elekta Versa HD linear accelerators
Elekta Unity MRI-linac
MRI simulator
Nucletron iridium-192 HDR unit
Superficial radiotherapy machine

Join a department ready for the future of cancer care

We routinely use VMAT, respiratory gating, intra-fraction imaging and dynamic contrast-enhanced simulation in treating standard and SBRT cases

Contribute to our SBRT programme with active protocols in lung, spine, liver, lymph node and pancreas.

Close collaboration for true multi-disciplinary care

Our centre is integrated with a major tertiary hospital, with close links to our colleagues in radiology, molecular imaging, neurosurgery, haematology, liver transplant and thoracic services.

Study with world-class researchers

There are diverse collaborative opportunities, due to on-site world-class laboratory-based research partners in the Olivia Newton John Cancer Wellness and Research Centre and imaging-based partners in the Austin Health PET centre



MRI-linear accelerator and MRI simulator to be launched mid-2020

In 2018 our centre was chosen to host the first MRI-L in Victoria. This exciting technology has the potential to further increase cure rates while reducing patient side effects.



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Getting to know Melbourne and its surrounds

Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia and has been ranked as one of the top three most-liveable cities in the world consistently since 2002.

We love it for its diverse population, culinary experiences, coffee culture, and live music scene. Every year Melbourne hosts the Melbourne Comedy Festival, Jazz Festival, and Food and Wine Festival, centred in and around the vibrant city centre.

Less than an hour away, the Yarra Valley is a world-class wine region. Down the western bay it's a couple of hours to the Great Ocean Road, with the spectacular sights of the Twelve Apostles. You can even swim with the whales at Warnambool.

We think there's a little bit of something for everyone here in Melbourne to keep you busy during your fellowship.



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Your Clinical Research Fellowship

We try our hardest to tailor a fellowship to your clinical and research interests. To start this process, we can put you in touch with one of our Radiation Oncologists who work in your tumour stream or technique of interest.

During your fellowship you can expect to have the opportunity to plan and treat cases in a supported environment to help you take that next step into becoming a consultant specialist. Additionally, we have local opportunities for leadership and research training for a well-rounded education.



Eligibility

To be eligible for our programme you will need to have passed the FRANZCR Phase 2 radiation oncology exams or equivalent in your country.



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Flexible duration

Positions would be for one to two years, with one year fellowships being a mix of clinical and research time with an expectation of completing at least one research project under supervision.

With two-year positions there is the opportunity to enrol in a research higher degree at the university of your choice, and higher research output is achievable.

For overseas applicants, we advise you to start this process early to discuss the logistics of living and relocating to Australia during the fellowship period.



With eleven Radiation Oncologists over two sites we have a diverse workforce where you do your best work in a supportive and inclusive culture.



I want to thank you for taking the time to read about the fellowship opportunities here at Austin Health and the ONJ Centre.

At Austin we believe that the best fellowship is the one that prepares you for your consultant career, with a focus on deep tumour stream knowledge as well how to construct and perform research projects. We will tailor our fellowships to successful applicants and are committed to putting together the best training opportunity for you.

I would encourage you to contact me to start a conversation about how we can work together in the future.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Richard Khor", written over a horizontal line.

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