UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Department of Surgery

ROSE ZIVOT PODIATRIC SURGERY LIMB SALVAGE AND FOOT RECONSTRUCTION FELLOWSHIP

Number of Positions: 1 per year

Duration: 1 year
Sites: Hospital Centres (Peter Lougheed, Foothills, Rockyview, South Health, Children's) Ambulatory Surgical Centres, Private Offices

Program Director: Dr. Steven L. Smith
Co-Director: Dr. Ali Manji
Preceptors: Dr. Francois Harton, Dr. Alisha Poonja, Dr. Philip Lelievre, Dr. Karim Manji and Dr. John Toole

Summary:
University of Calgary Department of Surgery is pleased to offer a comprehensive fellowship in Limb Salvage and Foot Reconstruction. The program is balanced between both a hospital and community based practice involving a group of highly trained podiatric surgeons.

The focus of the fellowship will be on limb salvage as well as surgical reconstructive techniques for the foot. Fellows will primarily be based at the Peter Lougheed Hospital, where they will treat patients at the Zivot Limb Preservation Centre (ZLPC). ZLPC is the only multidisciplinary clinic in Alberta providing advanced treatment options for limb salvage through the "toe and flow" model. Surgical procedures are performed at the Minor Surgery Clinic, where the Section of Podiatric Surgery currently performs over 3,000 cases per year. Common procedures include debridements, biopsies, digital / metatarsal / midfoot amputations, and surgical offloading techniques (ex. tendon lengthening, metatarsal osteotomies, etc.)

Fellows will be also be trained in advanced techniques in foot reconstruction in the office clinic, ambulatory surgical center, and the hospital main operating room. The Section currently performs over 1,000 cases per year in the operating room. Common procedures include deformity correction (bunionectomies, metatarsal osteotomies, etc.), soft tissue procedures (neurectomies, mass removals, tendon lengthening/balancing), and trauma (laceration repairs, ligament reconstructions, fracture ORIFs, etc.)

The fellow will have both clinical and academic responsibilities, including contributions to evidence based research. Call frequency is approximately ten days per month. Renumeration is by surgical assistance billings as per Office of Surgical Fellowship Agreement.

Research:

- A research project(s) is a mandatory component of the Fellowship. There are opportunities for basic science and clinical research and a project will be selected by

each Fellow with the guidance of the Program Directors and Fellowship Preceptor and will be required to present at the Annual Surgical Fellows Research Symposium
- The Fellow is expected to submit his/her work at national and international scientific meetings and peer reviewed journals.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Graduated from a college of podiatric medicine in Canada or the United States and received a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree
- Completed a three year or greater post graduate residency program accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA)
- Board Qualification / Certification with the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS).
- Board Certification with the American Board of Multiple Specialities in Podiatry (ABMSP) in Diabetic Foot Wounds and Footwear
- Eligible for licensure with the College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta (CPPA) - If prospective fellows have done their medical school outside of an English speaking country, candidates must complete their IELTS (International English Language Testing System) academic version and submit it with their application. Please refer to https://cpsa.ca/physicians/registration/english-language-proficiency/
- All candidates are encouraged to apply, though Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority
- Rotation / Visitation with current faculty is a strong asset

Application Requirements:

- Letter of Intent
- 3 Letters of Reference
- Residency Surgical Logs
- Curriculum Vitae which includes pre-medical, medical and post-medical school training, publications, certificates, awards and scholarships.

Application Process:

Please email required documents (letter of intent, 3 references, CV) to Program Director, Steven L. Smith (steven.smith@albertahealthservices.ca), Co-Director, Ali Manji (ali.manji@albertahealthservices.ca) and Section Head, Karim Manji, (karim.manji@albertahealthservices.ca) by Monday, November 30th, 2026 for consideration.

For more information, please contact the Office of Surgical Fellowship Program Coordinator Francesca Isaacs at (403) 944-2185 or email surgical.fellowships@ahs.ca