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## **Medical School Cover Letter**

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## **Dear Professor XXX:**

I am writing to express my sincere interest in applying for the vireoretinal fellowship program at the Royal Perth Hospital. Your program offers the many experiences that I am looking for in a fellowship program, including extensive training in a wide range of medical and surgical treatments for the vitreoretinal diseases, treating patients from diverse populations, rural community outreach, and teaching.

I firmly believe that I have the strong skills necessary to be a successful fellow in your program. I have ten years of experience as a vitreoretinal specialist in Japan. This experience has given me the strong background in vitreoretinal surgery along with a strong knowledge base in vitreoretinal diseases. As a fellow, my primary goal is to become a complete vitreoretinal specialist who is able to provide optimal care for a diverse patient population communicating with patients in English. Because English is without doubt the actual universal language, even in medical fields, the ability to perform daily practice in English is essential for achieving my goal. However, almost all daily practices in Japan are still conducted entirely in Japanese. As the Royal Perth Hospital is a major referral center, your program offers opportunities to treat a variety of diseases in an English-speaking working environment, which is something I am actively seeking.

I also believe that providing quality health care equally to all individuals is a physician's responsibility. My position as Assistant Professor at Osaka Medical College is based in an urban area. Because local hospitals provide healthcare in rural and remote areas in Japan, it is hard to find opportunities to engage in practice in a more rural area while also working at an urban hospital. I am excited about the fact that your program offers the rare opportunity to provide ophthalmic care in both urban and rural areas simultaneously. I am eager to actively participate in the rural community outreach efforts at the Royal Perth Hospital and learn more about how its system works.

Along with my surgical skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm for patient care, I bring with me several other essential traits to be a successful vitreoretinal fellow. As Director of the Department of Ophthalmology at Takatsuki Red Cross Hospital, I have gained strong management and leadership skills. My additional experience in my role as floor director of Osaka Medical College also advanced my intercommunication skills and taught me the importance of teamwork to provide patients with the best care possible. In addition to my clinical skills, my research experiences through a Ph.D. program and my research fellowship at the University of Michigan also strengthen my critical thinking skills. I believe these skills and my dedication to patient care are what contributed to my receiving the Makiuchi and Azuma awards and the Fujita award from Osaka Medical College.

Furthermore, I have been actively involved in teaching as a Visiting Associate Professor for two years and an Assistant Professor for three years at Osaka Medical College. I find that it is incredibly rewarding to help students, junior doctors and nursing staffs to gain new clinical skills and knowledge. Additional opportunities for teaching and supervising within your program are appealing to me as well, especially as they offer the chance to gain a thorough understanding of how the medical practitioners and staffs are trained in different environments.

I firmly believe that your fellowship program is a critical opportunity for me to expand my horizons. I understand that a vitreoretinal fellowship at the Royal Perth Hospital will be quite challenging, especially for an international medical graduate. However, I am eager to accept this challenging opportunity because I believe that experiences like these further develop my clinical knowledge, surgical skills, and teaching ability and broaden my horizons, not only as an ophthalmologist but as a person as well. Ultimately, I would then plan to return to Japan and work to help improve health care in my country utilizing the experiences I gain in this fellowship program.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to the Royal Perth Hospital's vitreo-retinal fellowship program. I look forward to the opportunity to visit your institution, and thank you for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Name Surname