New fellowship to nurture young ophthalmologists

The fellowship will be awarded to local and international fellows who intend to pursue subspecialty training at SNEC.

The Barry Cullen
International Fellowship
in Ophthalmology and
Visual Sciences* was recently
announced during the
1st Asia-Pacific Ocular
Imaging Society (APOIS)
Meeting [see page 12].

This fellowship aims to advance the training of young clinicians and clinician-scientists in the field of ophthalmology and visual sciences, particularly in the subspecialty of neuro-ophthalmology. Different categories of fellowship will be available, including a one-year clinical or clinical research fellowship, and a six-month observership.

Serving as a tribute to Dr James Finbar Cullen, or better known as Barry Cullen, the fellowship honours his dedication and contributions in shaping the educational landscape of ophthalmology in Singapore and Malaysia, as well as in the advancement of neuroophthalmology worldwide.

He helped establish specialist ophthalmology examinations in Singapore and Malaysia, as well as the Neuro-Ophthalmology Service in SNEC. He also mentored generations of ophthalmologists.

The fellowship will lay the foundation of the awardee's subspecialty career, continuing the good work and nurturing spirit of Dr Cullen. Its other objectives include to continually develop all areas of ophthalmology, and strengthen SNEC's outreach and profile globally.

SNEC has set a fundraising target of \$625,000 to support the establishment of the fellowship. The institution is also working on securing matching funds from the Ministry of Education (MOE) to raise the sum to \$1,250,000* in support of the programme.





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^{*}The naming of fellowship and matching by MOE are subject to approval by Duke-NUS and MOE respectively.