

The Australian Craniofacial Unit has 2 fellowship positions each year available.

These positions are open to both Australian and overseas surgeons. The position offers a broad experience in all aspects of craniomaxillofacial surgery.

Prospective applicants will have completed their specialist training.

Professor David is the Head of Unit and is the supervisor for the fellowship.

“The Australian Craniofacial Unit is an International Centre of Excellence for the management of craniofacial deformity. It is based at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital and also operates at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in South Australia. The Unit is one of two standalone units worldwide and the only one of its kind in Australasia.”

Mission Statement

The Australian Craniofacial Unit is dedicated to the humane understanding and management of the craniofacially deformed, by pursuit of excellence in the clinical, scientific and educational disciplines necessary to advance the treatment of those afflicted.

The fundamental aim of the Unit is to ensure that patients can ultimately assume a place in society with renewed hope and restored dignity. The Unit adheres to the Six Principles of Health-Care Delivery:

- Care is provided by multidisciplinary teams.
- Depending upon the condition, a range of professionals may be required to treat the physical, emotional, and societal needs of the patient. The presence of an entire team during assessment stages provides the opportunity to define comprehensive analysis and treatment strategies for the patient.
- Care is protocol driven.
- Processes for the delivery of all forms of care are defined and delivered according to best practice measures.
- Care is longitudinal.
- Age, healing and growth processes, and the stability of treatments demand a process of care that may require years of treatment. Attempts at shortening those processes potentially lead to lifelong problems that can seriously affect the quality of life of the individual.
- Strong supporting infrastructure.
- Complex, longitudinal care requires secure financial and administrative support at institutional and community levels.
- Competent professionals are involved in ongoing education and training.
- Caring for individuals with craniofacial conditions requires experience and high levels of skill. It is imperative that properly qualified individuals are on the multidisciplinary team and that

all team members are involved in ongoing education and training. Patient and community education programmes are also a priority.

- Research linked.
- The provision of care should be linked to research exploring causes, treatment outcomes and strategies, and social welfare.

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