10 REASONS
Why YOU should come to Brown for Ophthalmology

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Some of these reasons are about the program and some are about your life outside the program; our goal is to demonstrate what it actually means, or would be like, for you to be a resident here.
Balance in Training

Clinical and Surgical Experience

Research and Academic Investigation
10. Convenience

• Between our clinical site at this location/RIH and the VA is about an 8–10 minute drive

• Once you’re on call, all of the hospitals and services you’d be called to are connected!
  – Only exception is going to the VA, which is still close
  – Useful at odd times and in the freezing cold
  – Also, safer than traveling a ton at night

• You don’t need to rely on public transportation
9. Affordability/Accessibility

- Huge range of availability and affordability in terms of living within less than 15 minutes from work
- Providence is much more affordable for living, compared to the larger surrounding cities
- Centrally and easily accessible to Boston, New York, with an Amtrak station and international airport
8. Research

- Annual Research Symposium
- Allocation for each first author presentation
- These endeavors are encouraged and supported
- Residents travel nationally and internationally to present research at well recognized Medical and Ophthalmology meetings, to name a few:
  - AAO
  - WOC
  - ASRS
  - ARVO
  - NEOS
  - ASCRS
  - NANOS
  - ISOPT
7. Perks

- BCSC full set
- AAO Q Bank
- Encrypted USB drive
- Indirect headpiece supplied
- Advocacy (PGY3)
- AAO (PGY4)
- NEOS
- Call room
- Food allowance
- New imaging software and technology
- Cataract Dry/Wet Labs, Suturing Labs
- Surgical Simulator experience
- Post-call day
- More surgery, academic time, sleep, shadowing, studying, etc.
6. No Fellows

- You learn to manage most things that would often be deferred to a fellow, and thus the clinical acumen you gain is unparalleled.
- Surgical time is not sacrificed by giving cases to those in fellowships.
- Direct management and coordination with attendings, thus fostering stronger relationships.
- Less watching, more doing.
5. Teaching/Guidance

• Attendings are always willing to teach
• You’re never alone; there is always someone who will be able to back you up during a busy night or day

• Modalities of Teaching:
  – Integrated lecture series every Tuesday morning
  – M&M, Grand Rounds, Journal Club, Pathology Conferences
  – Suturing and Cataract Labs
  – Dry Labs for new surgical technique (i.e. iStent)
Change is good, and improvements based on recommendations from residents, ancillary staff, and attendings are what keep the program moving forward.

New faculty have started in the last few years; goals for expansion, change in location, and additional resources are underway.
3. Camaraderie

Relationships with colleagues, faculty, and ancillary staff
2. Surgical and Clinical Experience

Surgical
- Begins first year
- Several physicians operating between the VA and Coro; you will have exposure to surgery in every subspecialty
- You don’t have to travel to somewhere far away for a few months to get what you need; it’s all right here

Clinical
- Volume is large; Level 1 Trauma Center
- Patient diversity is vast between RIH and VA, as is the pathology
- We are busy; we do more than we watch, and there is a level of autonomy that increases with each year
1. Time

- Your time is invaluable as a resident; we have ways to assure that you have some free time.
  - Academic Time (PGY4)
  - Post call (PGY2–3)
  - Shared weekend and weekday call
Fellowship and Post Graduation Plans

• If you want to be a general ophthalmologist, you will be prepared after this program.

• If you want to do a fellowship, then you will be competitive for that too.