Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the USC Breast Fellowship Program.

In applying to a breast fellowship program, you are about to embark upon an enriching experience — both personal and professional — that will lay the foundation for your career as an academic or private practice dedicated breast surgeon.

The mission of the USC Breast Fellowship Program is to provide you with a comprehensive yet focused breast surgical oncology training experience and to prepare you for the range of malignant and benign breast conditions that you are certain to encounter as a breast surgeon. But our mission does not end there. At Keck Medicine of USC, we pride ourselves on selecting and training surgeons who desire to be leaders in the national and global evolution of breast surgical care.

If that sounds like you, we invite you to take a closer look at what USC has to offer.

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How to Apply

The USC Breast Fellowship Program participates in the Society of Surgical Oncology Breast Fellowship Matching Program. All applicants must apply through this matching program at www.surgonc.org. Three fellows are accepted to USC each year. No fellow will be accepted outside of the Society of Surgical Oncology Matching Program.

Criteria for Applicants

A fellowship candidate must meet the following criteria:

• Completion of training and hold an MD or equivalent degree
• Board eligible or board certified in general surgery, plastic surgery or OB/GYN
• Ability to complete USC Breast Fellowship Program in one year

Application Materials

Each applicant should submit the following items directly to the Society for Surgical Oncology website:

• A current curriculum vitae
• A personal statement
• A current 2”x2” passport-size color photograph
• USMLE scores

Application Submission or Questions

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The USC Breast Fellowship Program selects and trains surgeons who desire to become leaders in the breast surgical care nationally and globally.

The USC Breast Fellowship training is equally divided among three different facilities, each with unique strengths that combine to create an unparalleled training experience:

- USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center is one of the original eight NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers. It is a leader in cancer treatment, research, prevention and education, where fellows assist a multidisciplinary team of experts in the care of breast cancer patients.

- Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center (LAC+USC) is a state-of-the-art, tertiary care public hospital where fellows, as junior faculty, have the lead role in the care of underserved patients with malignant and benign breast diseases.

- Hoag Memorial Hospital is a private community hospital featuring the Hoag Breast Center where Melvin J. Silverstein, MD, supervises oncoplastic surgery training.

USC Norris is located on the USC Health Sciences Campus near downtown Los Angeles with LAC+USC adjacent to the campus. Hoag Hospital is located in Newport Beach, 45 miles south of Los Angeles. Accommodations are provided for fellows while rotating at Hoag Hospital.

Multidisciplinary Training Specialties
- Breast Surgery
- Breast Imaging
- Medical Oncology
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Radiation Oncology
- Genetics
- Pathology
- Community Service and Outreach
- Psycho-Oncology

In addition to providing high quality patient care, USC breast fellows deliver oral and/or poster presentations on topics of their choice at national breast cancer meetings.

USC Breast Fellows have been consistently outstanding at national meetings. Recognitions include the American Society of Breast Surgeons’ George Peters Award for Best Paper by a Fellow in 2005, 2006 and 2008 and the Scientific Impact Award in 2006. Participation in national meetings gives fellows the opportunity to learn the latest developments in breast cancer research and management and to find mentorship among nationally and internationally prominent experts.

Fellows also have published peer-reviewed journal articles, abstracts and book chapters on the management of breast diseases.

In the constantly evolving world of breast oncology, USC remains committed to being at the forefront of breast care to prepare our graduates for their future roles as leaders of the surgical oncology community and for them to offer the best possible care to patients everywhere.