INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

for appointment to the

Chair in Restorative Dentistry  
(Confirmation Path)

DEPARTMENT OF ORAL REHABILITATION 
and  
SIR JOHN WALSH RESEARCH INSTITUTE 
FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

General Information

General information for applicants for academic posts within the University is available at: 

The University of Otago

The University of Otago was established in 1869 and is New Zealand’s oldest university. It has an international reputation for excellence in education and research. The University currently has over 20,000 students, spread over a wide range of disciplines.

Based in Dunedin, the University also has specialist campuses in Christchurch, Wellington and Invercargill, as well as a centre in Auckland. The University has four academic divisions – Humanities, Sciences, Health Sciences and Commerce (also known as the School of Business), and is the most research-intensive university in New Zealand. It is also the top-ranked university for research quality. There are a variety of links with the city and its business community, and the relatively compact campus contributes to easy relationships between departments.

The Division of Health Sciences comprises the Faculty of Dentistry, the Faculty of Medicine (Dunedin School of Medicine, Otago School of Medical Sciences, University of Otago, Christchurch and University of Otago, Wellington), the School of Pharmacy, and the School of Physiotherapy.

The University teaching year generally ranges from late February to the end of November. The teaching period is generally broken into two 13-week semesters. A Summer School is held for six weeks during January and February.

Further information about the University is available on the University of Otago website: www.otago.ac.nz, including the University’s mission statement and strategic direction. Key statistics relating to each Division and to the University can be found in the Annual Report. Other useful sources of information are He Kitenga (an annual report on research) and the University of Otago Magazine.
The City of Dunedin

Dunedin is a university city of about 120,000 people, providing a vibrant environment for academic staff. The city is the southernmost of New Zealand’s main centres and is attractively situated at the end of a long harbour, within easy distance of mountain, lake, fiord and coastal country of outstanding natural beauty. A number of ski fields are also located nearby and ample opportunity exists for the pursuit of other outdoor activities including fishing, tramping, sailing and rafting.

Dunedin offers excellent infrastructure, a temperate climate and many of the amenities and cultural richness usually found only in much larger urban centres, while still retaining its traditional friendliness and ease of getting around. The city provides a good quality of life with moderate living costs.

The Faculty of Dentistry

The Faculty of Dentistry was founded in 1907 and is the only national school for dentistry in New Zealand. The Dean is Professor Gregory Seymour. The Sir John Walsh Research Institute and three departments (Oral Rehabilitation, Oral Sciences and Oral Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences) are within the Faculty.

The Faculty offers the following programmes:

Undergraduate: Bachelor of Dental Surgery; Bachelor of Dental Technology; Bachelor of Oral Health.

Postgraduate: Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (endorsed in endodontics, oral medicine, oral pathology, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, special needs dentistry, periodontology and prosthodontics), PhD, Master of Dental Surgery in general dental practice or dental materials science, and Master of Community Dentistry. Postgraduate Diplomas are also offered in some disciplines. Dental graduates may proceed to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Dental Science. The Division also offers programmes leading to the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences, Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences, and the degree of Master of Health Sciences.

The School of Dentistry (Walsh Building) is situated close to the Dunedin School of Medicine, several departments of the Otago School of Medical Sciences, the Dunedin Public Hospital, the School of Pharmacy and the School of Physiotherapy. It is about five minutes walk from the main University campus hence most departments within the University are readily accessible.

Excellent library facilities, computer training and support are available. In addition to teaching clinics, laboratories, lecture theatres and seminar rooms, there is provision for research in shared laboratories. The Faculty is currently planning major refurbishment of its facilities.

Department of Oral Rehabilitation

Applications are invited for the Chair in Restorative Dentistry in the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Otago. This challenging opportunity is for someone looking for a place to consolidate their expertise and interest in either Restorative Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Endodontics, Biomaterials Science, Cariology or Preventive Dentistry. The role is as the Department’s senior academic and administrative leader and may include a period as Head of Department.
The academic staff of the Department of Oral Rehabilitation currently consists of two Professors, three Associate Professors, eight Senior Lecturers, two Senior Teaching Fellows, three Lecturers, three Professional Practice Fellows and several part-time Clinical Tutors.

The Department is responsible for contributing to teaching in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery programme, which includes responsibility for the disciplines of Restorative Dentistry, Cariology, Endodontics, Biomaterials Science and Prosthodontics. It also has responsibility for the Bachelor of Dental Technology and contributes to teaching in the Bachelor of Oral Health programme.

At the graduate level, the Department offers courses of study and research leading to the degree of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Endodontics and in Prosthodontics and the Master of Dental Technology. Completion of a Doctor of Clinical Dentistry is the pathway towards registration as a dental specialist in New Zealand. Postgraduate diplomas in Dental Technology are also offered. PhD programmes are offered through the Sir John Walsh Research Institute.

The Department provides specialist consultant services to dentists, to the Health and Disability Commissioner, the Accident Compensation Corporation, and the dental and dental technology industries.

Research undertaken within the Sir John Walsh Research Institute covers a diverse range of topics within five areas: Biomechanics and Oral Implantology; Dental Epidemiology and Public Health; Education Research; Oral and Molecular Immunopathology and Molecular Microbiology, most of which are related to Restorative Dentistry, Endodontics, Biomaterials, Prosthodontics and Dental Technology. Specific projects in the Department deal with the prevention and treatment of dental disease, the regeneration of tissues, replacement of teeth and their associate structures affected by disease, trauma or wear, the restoration of form, function and appearance, mechanical testing and computer modeling of the behaviour of dental tissues and biomaterials. Many projects are carried out in collaboration with other departments and universities.

The Faculty is seeking an academic leader with a distinguished international research record, who has the ability to lead research programmes of international standing. The successful applicant will be expected to serve a period as the Head of the Department of Oral Rehabilitation. Experience in curriculum development and in the supervision of postgraduate students is essential. Applicants must be registrable with the Dental Council of New Zealand.
POSITION DESCRIPTION

PRIME FUNCTION

The appointee will assist with the development and implementation of a strategic vision for teaching in the areas of Restorative Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Endodontics, Cariology or Preventive Dentistry. The appointee will also be expected to establish a research programme within the Sir John Walsh Research Institute; provide leadership and mentoring to staff and students; play a senior administrative role within the Faculty and the University and carry out such administrative duties as required.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Establish a productive research group within the Sir John Walsh Research Institute.
- Secure research funding and provide mentorship in research for staff and students.
- Maintain clinical skills and be committed to the delivery of excellent clinical services.
- Participate in undergraduate and graduate education, foster innovation in teaching and learning and contribute to curriculum development and implementation in the Faculty.
- Contribute to the internationalisation of the Faculty in line with the Strategic Imperatives of the University


RELATIONSHIPS

Directly responsible to: The Dean
Functional relationships: Academic and general staff
Undergraduate and graduate students

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITY

To be determined through the Dean

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- International reputation for research
- Skilled clinician with registration as a dentist or dental specialist - in any of the disciplines within Oral Rehabilitation
- Global view of dental education and curriculum design
- Innovative, enthusiastic teacher
- A record of effective mentoring and communication
- Sensitivity towards differing cultures and personalities
- Competence in administration
The successful applicant will be dentally qualified, preferably a specialist in one of the disciplines within the Department and be able to register with the Dental Council of New Zealand. The appointee will ideally have a PhD and experience in teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Applicants should have an established research record and show a commitment to productive research including a commitment to furthering their research record with the Department.

CONFIRMATION

This is a full-time, Confirmation Path appointment. Early confirmation is possible for professors.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Applicants must qualify for registration as a general dentist or specialist with the Dental Council (www.dentalcouncil.org.nz).

Further information may be obtained from:
Dental Council
PO Box 10-448, Wellington
New Zealand
Tel: 644 4994820
Fax: 644 4991668
Email: inquiries@dentalcouncil.org.nz

SALARY

The salary range (Medical & Dental Salary Scale) for professors is $172,231 to $191,673 per annum. Appointment will be made at an appropriate step in this range depending on qualifications and experience. Vocationally-registered specialists also receive a vocational supplement.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

Applicants are asked to indicate the date they would expect to be available to take up the appointment. The teaching year in the Faculty of Dentistry extends from late January to early December, and it is hoped that the successful applicant could commence duties in the second half of 2012.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The University is strongly committed to diversity in staffing and we encourage applications from women and other under-represented groups who are suitably qualified and experienced. Parental leave without pay of up to 52 weeks and paid parental leave of up to twelve weeks’ salary may be granted to female or male employees with at least one year’s service. The Otago University Childcare Centre operates facilities covering the period from birth to 5 years, and after-school and holiday care programmes for 5 to 10 year olds.
FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the position, the University or New Zealand generally, the following sites may be of interest:

The University: http://www.otago.ac.nz
The Faculty: http://dentistry.otago.ac.nz
Department of Oral Rehabilitation: http://dentistry.otago.ac.nz/departments/oralrehabilitation.html
University Policy Database: http://oupolicy.otago.ac.nz/policies/index.html
Schools in Dunedin: http://www.tki.org.nz/e/schools/otago.php
Otago: http://www.otago.co.nz/
New Zealand Real Estate: http://www.realestate.co.nz/
New Zealand: http://www.newzealand.com/
Moving to New Zealand: http://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/