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**MAYO CLINIC  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**



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**TWO-YEAR PROGRAM**

2-Year Program 3-Year ProgramOptional Degrees:  MPH  MBA  MS  Other:  None**Number of Faculty**

GYN Faculty: 6

UROGYN Faculty: 1

REI Faculty: 2

ONCOLOGY Faculty: 3

GU Faculty: 0

General Surgery Faculty: 0

Colorectal Faculty: 0

Other: MIGS faculty: 2

Residency Program Affiliation:  Yes  NoComputer Simulation Center:  Yes  No**Training Labs** Cadaver lab Animal Lab None Dry Lab RoboticsOffice Surgery:  Yes  NoContract/Agreement Letter:  Yes  NoStipend PGY-5 or 6:  Yes  NoResident Teaching  Yes  NoBenefit Package:  Yes  NoOB obligation:  Yes  No If yes, please describe obligation.Junior Faculty  Yes  NoAttending Privileges  Yes  NoMoonlighting:  Yes  NoNon-compete clause:  Yes  NoMalpractice:  Yes  NoMeeting support:  Yes  NoMalpractice tail coverage:  Yes  No

Other coverage obligations- specify:

Accept J1 Visa applicants  Yes  NoAccept H1 Visa applicants  Yes  No

Dedicated Research Hours: Hours/per week: 6 weeks each year

Hours/per month: 6 weeks each year

Protected Academic: Hours/per week: 4-5

Hours/per month: 16-20

**Clinical Focus/Special Interest** Reproductive Surgery Oncology Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain Pelvic Reconstruction Robotic Surgery Pediatric/Adolescent Hysteroscopic Surgery Other: Vaginal surgery

## **Program Description:**

The fellowship program at Mayo Clinic Arizona is a rigorous and comprehensive academic, clinical, and surgical training program designed for the fellow who wants to be a well-rounded, evidence-based pelvic surgeon. Our mission is to develop the next generation of leaders in the field of Complex Gynecology who deliver the highest standard of patient care, contribute to the body of research in gynecology, and educate others in an environment of respect, innovation, diversity, and belonging.

The faculty includes six subspecialty-trained surgeons in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery, Urogynecology, and Gynecologic Oncology in collaboration with two Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility partners, and all are deeply committed to a minimally invasive surgical practice and to advancement of the field. The fellow will be exposed to a large volume of surgeries (>1,500/year) in all aspects of MIS – hysteroscopic, vaginal, laparoscopic, and robotic techniques – performed for simple and advanced conditions. Hands-on training in innovative approaches including single-site MIGS, natural orifice endoscopy (vNOTES), and laparoscopic and transcervical radiofrequency fibroid ablation is also provided. Fellows will provide care for patients with uterine fibroids, endometriosis, adenomyosis, chronic pelvic pain, infertility, uterine anomalies, abnormal uterine bleeding, urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, and gynecologic cancer.

The program includes abundant research opportunities and coursework in biostatistics and clinical research leading to a successful and productive academic career. At the end of two years, the fellow will be expected to complete at least one research project that will be submitted for presentation at a national society meeting and publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Fellows will participate actively in teaching and present at national CME conferences. There are two positions available on a competitive basis each year.

Phoenix, Arizona, is known as the “Valley of the Sun” because there are approximately 330 days of sunshine, more than any other metropolitan city in the nation! Enjoy a safe and welcoming environment with many opportunities for outdoor entertainment.

## **Learning Experience:**

- **Clinical and surgical training:** Fellows will be trained by experts in vaginal, hysteroscopic, laparoscopic, robotic, and open surgery. Fellows will learn traditional surgical technique as well as innovative approaches including single-site surgery, natural orifice surgery, and radiofrequency fibroid ablation. Fellows will also be trained to perform office procedures including hysteroscopy and trigger point injection. The department performs more than 1,500 surgical procedures annually, ensuring a robust hands-on educational experience. Patients are referred from all over the globe to receive a comprehensive approach to fibroid, endometriosis, and complex pelvic pain care including medical, surgical, and novel treatments. Rotations with all faculty will be offered, including dedicated rotations for Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS), Urogynecology (FPMRS), and Gynecologic Oncology. Fellows will also have the opportunity to learn from Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI), Interventional Radiology (IR), Pain Medicine, Urology, and Colorectal Surgery. Fellows will see patients in clinic independently with the surgical consultants readily available for guidance and direction. Fellows also treat uninsured, low resource patients in the Neighborhood Clinic once a month. The MIGS Fellow will take GYN call from home, rotating with other fellows. There are no OB duties.
- **Educational conferences and responsibilities:** Clinical conferences, seminars, small discussion groups, journal clubs, and one-on-one instruction are integral parts of this fellowship. Protected time is allotted for the weekly Tri-site Advanced Gynecological Surgery Fellowship Conference as well as monthly Research Conference, Multi-disciplinary Endometriosis Board, Multi-disciplinary Chronic Pelvic Pain Conference, Mortality and Morbidity Conference, and hands-on training in our on-site Simulation Lab. A yearly cadaver lab is also taught by faculty. Fellows can expect to take an active role in teaching your peers, allied health staff, visiting residents, Mayo Clinic School of Medicine students, and visiting students from other medical schools at the patient's bedside, during surgical procedures, and through formal didactic lectures.

- **Research:** In addition to participating in ongoing research studies in the department, the fellow is expected to conduct an independent research project with assistance and support from faculty. At least one manuscript is required for graduation, although most fellows complete several projects during their two-year training. Fellows should expect to submit oral, video, or poster presentations and participate in scientific meetings every year, for which funding is provided. The fellow will have access to all Mayo resources for a productive research experience. You will have protected research time as well as the opportunity to apply for project funding. Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education has a generous stipend to support trip days and travel reimbursements for research presentations.