



To Give Life a More Beautiful Smile

Orthodontic Postgraduate Exchange Program between the Schools of Dentistry at the University of Geneva and the University of Southern California



The *Olsburgh Smile Foundation* aims at promoting and improving the quality of orthodontic care and facilitating access to such care throughout Switzerland, in particular by contributing to the education of, and providing assistance to, postgraduates in orthodontics.

It was established in Lausanne, Switzerland, by Dr Steven Olsburgh, MS, shortly before he passed away on 16 November 2022. It has been recognised as a not-for-profit institution.

The Foundation will sponsor on a regular basis an Orthodontic postgraduate from the University of Geneva ('UG') to participate in an informal exchange program with the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry, University of Southern California ('USC'), in Los Angeles.

A selected postgraduate will experience one week of didactic and clinical immersion, enabled by Prof. Glenn T. Sameshima, DDS, PhD, Chairman, Program Director and Clinic Director of the graduate program in orthodontics at USC and an honorary member on the Foundation Board.

The exchange program aims to offer different styles of education and ways of practice, as well as enhancing the ability to connect, communicate and collaborate with others. It will also contribute to creating a long-lasting network.

The Founder

After obtaining his dental degree and doctorate at the University of Geneva, Dr. Olsburgh received his certificate in orthodontics and MS in Craniofacial Biology in 2003 under the direction of Prof. Sameshima at USC where he later became Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr Olsburgh won prestigious awards, including the Ernest Métral Prize (University of Geneva, 2001) and the Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit (American Association of Orthodontists, 2004). His specialisation in orthodontics was recognised by the Swiss Dental Association. Beloved by his patients, he practiced with passion his profession in his private practice from 2004 until his very last days. His academic and clinical excellence was widely recognized.



Dr Steven Olsburgh



Dates for the 2025 Exchange Program

February 24 - 28, 2025

Eligibility Requirement

Candidates must be senior postgraduates (3rd or 4th year) in orthodontics at the University of Geneva, School of Dentistry ('UG').

Application Procedure and Deadline for Submission

Candidates must fill in the application form available on the Foundation's website and submit a detailed resumé (curriculum vitae) with a letter of motivation (in English) by **October 31, 2024** at the latest.

Costs Offered by the Foundation:

Airfare (economy class) and housing. No other costs will be covered.

Visa Applications:

Candidate will be solely responsible for visa applications and follow through with the necessary steps to allow his/her stay in the United States.

Upon Return to Geneva

Candidate must:

- Make a presentation about key learning experiences at USC to UG postgraduates and at the UG annual meeting of former assistants. This should include a summary of USC's clinical organisation, techniques, case presentations, etc...;
- Continue to participate in the exchange program by welcoming and devoting time to USC postgraduates visiting the Geneva School of Dentistry at a later time.



Selection Procedure

The Foundation nominates an independent Orthodontist (active or formerly active, but unrelated to the University of Geneva) (the 'Expert'), who will examine the candidates' files, conduct interviews, if necessary, and advise the Foundation in the selection process. Criteria for selection include, amongst others: grades for the last two years, diplomas, publications, awards, oral presentations, posters at conferences and good command of spoken English.

The Foundation collaborates with both Orthodontic Chairmen at UG and USC, to ensure that there are no specific circumstances opposing to the selection of the prospective candidate.

The Foundation will personally inform candidates of its decision, without indicating the reasons. There is no appeal process regarding the decision made. A candidate who has not been selected may re-apply the following year.

Reimbursement Procedure for Flight and Accommodation Costs

With approval from the Foundation, the selected postgraduate will book the flight within the first week of being nominated.

The Foundation will organise the postgraduate's housing accommodation.

After the exchange program has concluded, the postgraduate will submit an expense report to the Foundation. This will include invoices only for travel and accommodation costs not already paid by the Foundation. Reimbursement agreements should be settled within 30 days of reception of the expense report.

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