

MEDICAL BOARD 2168 APPLICANT REPORT – PAKRAVAN, MOHAMMAD

DATE REPORT ISSUED: June 12, 2025

ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Application
Mohammad Pakravan, M.D.

STAFF CONTACT: Neal Funston, Analyst, Licensing Program

REQUESTED ACTION:

Review the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (Committee) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Mohammad Pakravan, M.D., pursuant to California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

BACKGROUND

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue an SFP to a physician who is academically eminent and meets all the requirements pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

The SFP authorizes an individual to practice medicine only within the medical school and its affiliated institutions where the SFP holder is providing instruction as part of the medical school's educational program, and for which the medical school has assumed direct responsibility.

The Committee is comprised of 14 members: one representative from each of the 11 medical schools in California, one representative from academic medical centers, and two Board members. The Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the eligibility of the applicants applying pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

On June 11, 2025, the Committee reviewed the qualifications of an applicant from Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLU): Dr. Pakravan. Committee member Dr. Daniel Giang presented Dr. Pakravan's qualifications for an SFP to the Committee.

Dr. Pakravan is an academically eminent and internationally recognized expert in the field of glaucoma. He possesses a diverse surgical skill set, including trabeculectomy and Microincision Glaucoma Surgeries, which will offer Loma Linda patients more treatment options for uncontrolled glaucoma than are currently available. He has authored over 100 publications. From 2012 to 2019, he served as the Glaucoma section head at Shahid Beheshti University. He currently serves as an associate professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch Department of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Pakravan's expertise will greatly benefit the population of the Inland Empire, which is an underserved population. LLU Eye Institute manages tertiary referrals of glaucoma patients in the region. While the LLU Eye Institute previously had three full-time glaucoma specialists, it now only has one. Recruitment has been difficult, and there is a critical need for glaucoma surgeons. Bringing Dr. Pakravan in will lessen the strain on the one remaining full-time doctor and comprehensive ophthalmologists, as well as provide more treatment options for patients.

LLU recruited Dr. Pakravan for the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology.

EDUCATION

Medical School: Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine; Tehran, Iran – Doctor of Medicine: 1992

Postgraduate Study: Shahid Beheshti University of Technology Faculty of Medicine; Tehran, Iran – Residency in Ophthalmology, 1992 - 1996

Labbafinejad Medical Center – Affiliated to Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences; Tehran, Iran – Fellowship in Glaucoma: 1999 - 2000

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine – Baltimore, MD, USA – Research Fellowship in Neuro-Ophthalmology and Glaucoma: 2003 – 2004

Houston Methodist Hospital; Houston, TX, USA – Fellowship in Neuro-Ophthalmology: 2021 - 2022

If approved for an SFP by the Board, Dr. Pakravan will hold a full-time faculty position at the Loma Linda Eye Institute, providing glaucoma and comprehensive ophthalmology care within LLU, Riverside University Health Systems, Social Action Corps Clinic, and the Loma Linda Surgical Institute. He will also share emergency glaucoma on-call coverage, serve on the comprehensive on-call coverage panel, and assist with the LLU Hospital inpatient consultation service. Additionally, he will continue his scholarly activities, including clinical research and teaching of medical students and residents.

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The Committee recommended approval of Dr. Pakravan for this SFP at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

MEDICAL BOARD 2168 APPLICANT REPORT – KARLI OĞUZ, HATICE KADER

DATE REPORT ISSUED: July 30, 2025

ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Appointment of Special Faculty Permit Holder
Hatice Kader Karli Oğuz, M.D. to Division Chief

STAFF CONTACT: Neal Funston, Analyst, Licensing Program

REQUESTED ACTION:

Review the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (Committee) recommendation to the Medical Board of California (Board) to approve a request from the University of California Davis School of Medicine (UC Davis) to appoint Special Faculty Permit (SFP) holder, Hatice Kader Karli Oğuz, M.D., to division chair of Neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology at UC Davis.

BACKGROUND:

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue an SFP to a physician who is academically eminent and meets all the requirements pursuant to BPC section 2168.1. Additionally, in accordance with BPC section 2168(c), a medical school or academic medical center must obtain written authorization from the Board to appoint an SFP holder to a position as a division chief or head of a department.

The SFP authorizes an individual to practice medicine only within the medical school and its affiliated institutions where the SFP holder is providing instruction as part of the medical school's educational program, and for which the medical school has assumed direct responsibility.

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Dr. Karli Oğuz was issued SFP 48 at UC Davis on February 2, 2023. SFP 48 is current, in good standing, and expires February 28, 2027. On May 15, 2025, the Board received a request from UC Davis to approve the appointment of Dr. Karli Oğuz to division chief of neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology at UC Davis.

On July 30, 2025, the Committee reviewed the qualifications of Dr. Karli Oğuz. Dr. Reginald Low, an interventional cardiologist at UC Davis, and a previous Board and Committee member, presented Dr. Karli Oğuz's qualifications to the Committee on behalf of Committee member Dr. Susan Guralnick, who could not attend the meeting.

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Dr. Karli Oğuz is internationally recognized for her clinical and research expertise in neuroradiology and pediatric neuroradiology. Her areas of expertise include imaging of epilepsy, autoimmune diseases, neurodegenerative and inherited metabolic diseases, and brain tumors. Elizabeth A. Morris, M.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiology at UC Davis, is recommending Dr. Karli Oğuz's appointment as division chief of neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology based on her extensive body of work and outstanding clinical competence and leadership abilities shown in her current position at UC Davis.

EDUCATION:

Medical School: Hacettepe University, Turkey,
1988 - 1995

Postgraduate Study: Hacettepe University, Turkey,
Residency, Department of Radiology: 1995 - 2000

Johns Hopkins University, Maryland,
Neuroradiology Research Fellowship: 2001

Hacettepe University, Turkey,
Neuroradiology Fellowship: 2002 - 2004

Dr. Karli Oğuz currently works at UC Davis under SFP 48 as a professor in the Division of Neuroradiology and director of Neuro MRI, contributing to new and novel protocols introduced to UC Davis.

Dr. Karli Oğuz was previously a professor and chief of neuroradiology at Hacettepe University. Additionally, she was an affiliated professor with the National Magnetic Resonance Research Center at Bilkent University in Turkey. She has engaged in many projects and multidisciplinary research endeavors and has numerous publications and citations of her work, which exemplify her distinguished academic and professional standing.

If the request is approved, Dr. Karli Oğuz will be appointed to the division chief of neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology at UC Davis.

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The Committee recommends approval of Dr. Karli Oğuz for appointment to division chief of Neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology at UC Davis.

MEDICAL BOARD 2168 APPLICANT REPORT – JAYASUNDERA, KANISHKA

DATE REPORT ISSUED: July 30, 2025

ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Application
Kanishka Thiran Jayasundera, M.D.

STAFF CONTACT: Neal Funston, Analyst, Licensing Program

REQUESTED ACTION:

Review the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee's (Committee) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Kanishka Thiran Jayasundera, M.D., pursuant to California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(A), who will serve as chair and professor in the Department of Ophthalmology, and director of the Ernest E. Tschannen Eye Institute.

BACKGROUND

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue an SFP to a physician who is academically eminent and meets all the requirements pursuant to BPC section 2168.1. Additionally, in accordance with BPC section 2168(c), a medical school or academic medical center must obtain written authorization from the Board to appoint an SFP holder to a position as a division chief or head of a department.

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On July 30, 2025, the Committee reviewed the qualifications of an applicant from the University of California Davis School of Medicine (UC Davis): Dr. Jayasundera. Dr. Reginald Low, an interventional cardiologist at UC Davis, and previous committee member, presented Dr. Jayasundera's qualifications to the Committee on behalf of Committee member Dr. Susan Guralnick, who could not attend the meeting.

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Dr. Jayasundera is internationally and nationally recognized for his expertise in inherited retinal diseases. He has been certified by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists and is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Jayasundera has extensive experience in diseases of the retina and vitreous, diagnosis and treatment of inherited retinal degenerative diseases, and the management of inflammatory diseases. He is a tenured professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He also serves as the associate chair of Strategic Planning and director of the Inherited Retinal Diseases Program at the Kellog Eye Institute.

Dr. Jayasundera holds an R01 grant to study expression of inherited retinal diseases. As an active researcher, he has authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles, as well as one author reply, one book, one book chapter, and 79 abstracts/poster presentations.

UC Davis recruited Dr. Jayasundera for the position of chair and professor in the Department of Ophthalmology, and director of the Ernest E. Tschannen Eye Institute.

EDUCATION

Medical School: University of Auckland School of Medicine, Auckland, New Zealand – Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery: 2000

Postgraduate Study: Waikato Hospital, Hamilton, New Zealand – Internship in General Surgery, Medicine, Elderly/Rehabilitation, & Plastics: 1999 - 2000

Auckland Hospital/Auckland Regional Health Boards, Auckland, New Zealand – Pre-Residency in Ophthalmology: 2001 - 2003

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists, New Zealand Training Network, Waikato and Auckland areas, New Zealand – Residency in Ophthalmology: 2004 - 2007

University of Michigan, Kellogg Eye Center, Ann Arbor, MI, USA – Fellowship in Retinal Dystrophies/Uveitis: 2008 - 2009

McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Montreal, Quebec, Canada – Fellowship in Vitro-Retinal Surgery & Medical Retinal Diseases: 2009 - 2011

If approved for an SFP by the Board, Dr. Jayasundera will hold a full-time faculty position as a tenured professor. Additionally, if approved by the Board, Dr. Jayasundera

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will be appointed as chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Science at UC Davis, and director of the Ernest E. Tschannen Eye Institute. His roles will include developing referral lines from the community to the university to grow his clinical practice, supporting the research mission of the department, overseeing recruitment, promotion, and retention of faculty, spearheading fundraising efforts, and supporting the service expectations of faculty and staff.

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The Committee recommends approval of Dr. Jayasundera for this SFP and appointment as chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Science at UC Davis, and director of the Ernest E. Tschannen Eye Institute at UC Davis, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(A).