

MEDICAL BOARD 2168 APPLICANT REPORT – SOLEIMANI, MOHAMMAD

DATE REPORT ISSUED: March 13, 2026

ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Application
Mohammad Soleimani, 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 Soleimani, M.D., at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine (USC), 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 provides 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 February 19, 2026, the application was disseminated to Committee members for review and approval.

Dr. Mohammad Soleimani is a nationally and internationally renowned ophthalmologist and cornea specialist with extensive experience in clinical practice, research, and academia. He earned his M.D. from Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) in 2005, completed his ophthalmology residency in 2009, and a cornea fellowship in 2012 at TUMS and Farabi Eye Hospital (FEH). He later relocated to the United States, where he completed a research fellowship in ocular surface disease at the University of Illinois

Chicago from 2022–2023, followed by a clinical fellowship in ocular regenerative medicine and ocular surface disease, which he completed in 2024.

With over 12 years of expertise across the full spectrum of cornea and external eye diseases, Dr. Soleimani is recognized as a world-class surgeon-scientist, with a particular focus on ocular surface disorders, stem cell therapy, artificial intelligence, and infectious keratitis. He has held major leadership roles, including medical director of FEH, cornea fellowship director, and vice chair of quality at the University of North Carolina, as well as key educational and research leadership positions. During a decade as faculty at FEH, he trained and mentored hundreds of students, residents, and fellows. Dr. Soleimani has authored more than 84 peer-reviewed publications and textbook chapters, secured significant research funding, received numerous awards, and presented widely at national and international conferences, establishing a distinguished global reputation as a clinician-scientist.

USC recruited Dr. Soleimani for the position of professor of clinical ophthalmology in the Department of Ophthalmology and Surgery.

EDUCATION

Medical School: Tehran University of Medical Sciences; Tehran, Iran – Doctor of Medicine: 2005

Postgraduate Study: Tehran University of Medical Sciences; Tehran, Iran – Residency in Ophthalmology: 2005 - 2009

Tehran University of Medical Sciences; Tehran, Iran – Fellowship in Cornea: 2010 - 2012

University of Illinois Chicago – Fellowship in Ocular Regenerative Medicine and Ocular Surface: 2023 - 2024

If approved for an SFP by the Board, Dr. Soleimani will hold a full-time faculty position as professor of clinical ophthalmology at USC. In this role, Dr. Soleimani is expected to play a central part in strengthening USC's cornea service and establishing a center of clinical excellence in cornea and external eye diseases. He will collaborate with faculty to advance the department's vision research goals, with particular emphasis on maintaining and improving its national ranking for National Institutes of Health research funding, currently ranked third in the nation. He will also be a key contributor to USC's goal of training and mentoring undergraduate, graduate, and medical students, postdoctoral fellows, interns, residents, and fellows to become future leaders in ophthalmology and vision science.

In addition, if the Board approves, he will serve as chief of the Cornea, External Diseases, and Refractive Surgery Service, reporting to the chair of the Department of

Ophthalmology. In this leadership role, he will provide strategic oversight of daily clinical operations, manage and mentor cornea faculty, support their academic development, ensure exemplary patient care, foster education and research activities, and serve as a liaison with hospital administration to promote efficient clinical operations. He will also assume additional administrative responsibilities across the Department of Ophthalmology.

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

After review and consideration, the Committee members voted to recommend approval of Dr. Soleimani for this SFP at USC, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

MEDICAL BOARD 2168 APPLICANT REPORT – BORDALO RODRIGUES, MARCELO

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 10, 2026

ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California

SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Application
Marcelo Bordalo Rodrigues, 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 Marcelo Bordalo Rodrigues, M.D., at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine (UCSD), pursuant to California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(A).

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 provides 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 March 24, 2026, the application was disseminated to Committee members for review and approval.

Dr. Bordalo Rodrigues is an internationally recognized musculoskeletal radiologist with over 20 years of academic, clinical, and research experience. He earned his medical degree from the University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine in 1996, completed his internship, diagnostic radiology residency, and musculoskeletal radiology fellowship at its affiliated Clinics Hospital. He also earned a Ph.D. in Radiology in 2016 with doctoral research focused on the accuracy of MRI in diagnosing traumatic brachial plexus injuries. His advanced training also includes international research fellowships at

Université Catholique de Louvain and Hôpital Saint-Luc in Brussels, as well as at New York University, providing a strong foundation for his subspecialized clinical practice and scholarly contributions to musculoskeletal imaging. He held senior leadership roles at the University of São Paulo Medical School and Hospital Sírio-Libanês in Brazil. He is currently serving as chief of radiology at Aspetar Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital, a globally renowned center for elite sports medicine and orthopedic care. His international stature is further reflected in his longstanding leadership and service within the International Skeletal Society, including executive committee membership from 2022 to 2024, key roles in educational and outreach initiatives, and frequent invitations to lecture at major scientific meetings worldwide.

Dr. Bordalo Rodrigues brings highly specialized clinical expertise in musculoskeletal radiology, with advanced proficiency in MRI, ultrasound, CT, and radiographic evaluation of sports injuries, joint disorders, peripheral nerve pathology, and complex musculoskeletal conditions. He is particularly recognized for integrating imaging findings into clinical and surgical decision-making and for his experience with image-guided musculoskeletal interventions. Throughout his career, he has directed musculoskeletal radiology divisions at high-volume academic and tertiary referral centers, where he developed advanced imaging protocols, led multidisciplinary teams, and supported complex orthopedic and sports medicine programs. He has maintained a distinguished record of scholarly and educational activity. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications in leading international journals, contributing significantly to the understanding of musculoskeletal trauma, sports-related injuries, peripheral nerve imaging, and advanced diagnostic techniques. He also serves as a journal reviewer, editorial board member, and guest editor for themed issues in musculoskeletal and sports imaging and has played a central role in postgraduate education by mentoring medical students, residents, fellows, and graduate students.

UCSD recruited Dr. Bordalo Rodrigues for the position of health sciences clinical professor with a focus on musculoskeletal imaging in the Department of Radiology.

EDUCATION

Medical School:	University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine; São Paulo, Brazil – Doctor of Medicine: 1996
	University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine; São Paulo, Brazil – Ph.D. in Radiology: 2016
Postgraduate Study:	Clinics Hospital – University of São Paulo; São Paulo, Brazil – Residency in Radiology: 1997 - 2000
	Clinics Hospital – University of São Paulo; São Paulo, Brazil – Fellowship in Musculoskeletal Radiology: 2000 – 2001

If approved for an SFP by the Board, Dr. Bordalo Rodrigues will hold a full-time faculty position as a health sciences clinical professor in the Department of Radiology at UCSD. His duties will include providing direct patient care through the interpretation of musculoskeletal radiographs, CT scans, MRI studies, and ultrasound examinations performed within UCSD facilities. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Dr. Bordalo Rodrigues will contribute to the department's academic mission through teaching medical students, residents, and fellows, participation in multidisciplinary conferences, and engagement in collaborative research and scholarly activities consistent with his expertise.

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

After review and consideration, the Committee members voted to recommend approval of Dr. Bordalo Rodrigues for this SFP at UCSD, pursuant to BPC section 2168.1(a)(1)(A).