Program Description

The International Sponsored Residency Program at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) is a graduate medical training program designed to provide a strong clinical experience, as well as a basic overview of the American medical system as it is carried out at SMHS. Residents can expect to participate, with their American colleagues, in the work of a medical school that enjoys an outstanding international reputation for interdisciplinary coordination of education, research, diagnosis and treatment.

Goals

The goal of this program is to provide a strong clinical experience as well as a basic overview of the American medical system as it is carried out at SMHS.
Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must master written and spoken English.
- Applicants must hold a currently valid certificate issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).
- All international residents must be sponsored on a J-1 clinical visa.
- Applicants must be financially sponsored by their government or by a home country health institution.

Application Requirements

Applications for residency must be submitted through ERAS with an email to the Office of International Medicine Programs (IMP) with the AAMC number and a copy of the financial guarantee letter.

All applications should contain:
- Photo
- Curriculum vitae
- Objective statement
- ECFMG certificate
- Copies of USMLE I, II CK, and CS if applicable.
- Medical degree
- Medical school transcript
- Three letters of recommendation
- AAMC number

Other General Terms

- All positions are offered through the MATCH with a letter of acceptance sent from IMP to the applicant.
- Upon acceptance, IMP will develop a Letter of Agreement (LOA) that will dictate the terms of the acceptance. This Agreement must be approved and signed by the sponsor.
- An application for sponsorship of the J-1 visa must also be completed.
- Departmental communications with international residents must go through IMP and GME.
- Residents will be eligible for assignment to the SMHS for a period of no less than one year. The appointment will be effective June 23 or July 1 depending on the specialty. This allows the resident to start the program with other new residents, as well as participate in orientation.
- If you are off-cycle, please inform IMP.