



# International Residency

## **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.





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## **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.