Program Description

The Medical Research Fellowship Program is offered by the Office of International Medicine Programs, School of Medicine and Health Sciences in affiliation with the Medical Faculty Associates at the George Washington University. This program provides international medical graduates with the skills necessary to enhance their research careers and pursue graduate medical education in the United States. Medical, basic sciences, and public health research is available in, but not limited to, the following specialties: anesthesiology, emergency medicine, general and neurosurgery, gastroenterology, genomic medicine, healthcare leadership, health systems and operations, hematology, internal medicine and its sub-specialties, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, pathology, pediatrics, pharmacology, psychiatry, and urology.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the program, the fellows will be equipped with skills, abilities and documents to help them compete for a U.S. residency position. Throughout the program fellows will:

• Develop practical medical/health research and inquiry skills utilizing the latest approaches in American health care/health services and medical research.
• Develop critical thinking and analytical skills necessary for clinical medical care/services and research.
• Develop a foundation for putting evidence-based medicine into practice and research.
• Develop personal and group leadership skills necessary for advancement in clinical practice and research.
• Develop a longstanding relationship with a medical faculty member who will serve as a mentor to provide guidance on the process for applying to accredited U.S. residency training programs and career development.
• Develop strategies for communicating clinical research and medical information in spoken and written English.
• Gain first-hand knowledge of the American healthcare system and medical higher education.
• Develop competitive credentials for U.S. residency programs.
• Attain letters of recommendation from GW medical faculty when appropriate.
• Potentially publish articles and/or abstracts in peer-reviewed journals.
• Potentially present research posters and/or papers in conferences.
• Create a network of professional contacts for future support in international medicine.

Eligibility Requirements
Interested and qualified applicants must submit one PDF with the required documents in the following order to IMP (impinfo@gwu.edu):
1. A headshot photo
2. Curriculum vitae
3. A one-page objective statement (12-point Times New Roman font, single-spaced) detailing the applicant’s goals and objectives for the program
4. USMLE* I and II scores of ≥ 220; OR USMLE Step 1 score of ≥ 220 AND one of the following:
   • Pass the USMLE Clinical Skills or
   • TOEFL score of ≥ 100 or
   • IELTS overall band score ≥ 7 (with no individual score below 6)
5. A copy of medical degree**
6. Medical school transcripts
7. Three letters of recommendation
8. A financial guarantee or sponsorship letter from a sponsoring institution that complies with the dates and duration of the program.

* USMLE scores can be waived for those applicants in the Non-Residency Track.
** Equivalent graduate degree is acceptable for those applicants in the Non-Residency Track.

Application Deadline and Length of Appointment
Applications must be submitted no later than January 15 in order to be considered for the May 1 start date of the program. MRFP is set for a 12-month period starting on May 1 and ending on April 30.