

## **Residency Positions for Foreign Medical Graduates at Tufts University School of Medicine**

The goal of this program is to provide a strong clinical experience as well as exposure to the U.S. medical system through Tufts University School of Medicine's affiliated hospitals. Residents can expect to train, with their American colleagues, in internationally renowned hospitals that are known for their interdisciplinary coordination of education, research, diagnosis and treatment. In general, these positions will lead to American Board eligibility in a specific clinical specialty.

### **1. PLACEMENT**

The International Affairs Office coordinates placement of eligible trainees. Any questions related to placement must be directed to the Dean of International Affairs.

- A. In order to be placed in a position within a Tufts University affiliated hospital, the candidate must provide the International Affairs Office (IAO) with the following:
1. Photo
  2. Recent C.V.
  3. Medical School transcripts and diploma
  4. ECFMG certificate, score reports of USMLE part I and part II, including the CK and CS exams
  5. Three letters of recommendation
  6. Financial guarantee from sponsoring government or institution committing to provide the required fee to Tufts University School of Medicine.
  7. Letter from sponsor addressed to ECFMG indicating that you will receive a stipend and benefits that are comparable to the stipend of other trainees within the relevant training program.
  8. Agree to any other program requirements stipulated by a specific program.
- B. After receiving all of the above, the Dean of the International Affairs Office will forward a completed application to the appropriate hospital department Program Director. The Program Director will decide whether or not to interview the candidate and ultimately, whether or not to accept the candidate into the program.
- C. The Dean of the International Affairs Office will notify the candidate if he/she has been accepted into a residency. The candidate will also receive an acceptance letter from the hospital which must be signed and returned to the Dean of International Affairs. The Dean will then return it to the appropriate Program Director.

## **2. STIPEND**

Residents must be provided with appropriate financial support by the sponsoring country/institution which is comparable to the stipend paid to other trainees in the affiliated hospital's program. The amount of such financial support shall be set by the sponsor's standards and shall also meet ECFMG requirements. Tufts University School of Medicine does not provide stipends for any residents accepted under this program. (See ECFMG rules and regulations at: [www.ecfm.org](http://www.ecfm.org)).

## **3. VISA REQUIREMENTS**

All positions offered by Tufts affiliates require a J-1 visa through ECFMG. Accordingly, the two year home residency requirement applies. This means that the candidate is required to return to his/her home country after completing the residency program. After two years, the candidate may return to the U.S. to enroll in other U.S. programs.

If the candidate is a dual citizen of the U.S. and another country, this two year home residency requirement does not apply.

The J-1 visa requirements can be viewed at [www.ecfm.org](http://www.ecfm.org); however, the candidate should not begin the visa application process until he or she is placed into a residency position. The hospital Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office is responsible for the visa application, the candidate should not begin the visa application process without guidance from the GME Office, Residency Program Director, or the International Affairs Office.

Notification of sponsorship from ECFMG for the J-1 clinical visa will be sent to the GME Office. The GME Office will then forward all the necessary visa documents (DS-2019 form) through the International Affairs Office to the applicant or his or her designee.

## **4. TUITION AND FEES**

For each year of the residency, an amount benchmarked to the tuition and fees of the medical school will be charged to the resident's financial sponsor to defray part of the cost of training. The amount may, however, be increased, depending on other costs such as professional liability insurance. Tuition fees are subject to annual review and change.

### **A. Payment Procedures**

1. The Sponsor will provide a financial guarantee and the name and address of the designated financial officer upon the resident's acceptance;

2. At the beginning of each year, Tufts will send bills for the teaching and administration costs to the Sponsor, who will pay Tufts within three weeks of receiving the bills.

Tufts and its affiliated hospitals will not be responsible for payment of the cost of travel to and from the resident's home country; living expenses (including but not limited to, housing, food, and transportation); health insurance; books; and educational supplies. Teaching and administration costs paid by the Sponsor will not be used by Tufts to cover any of the foregoing expenses. These expenses shall be solely the responsibility of the Sponsor.

**Please sign and return this form to the Office of International Affairs.**

**I have read the above carefully and I understand and accept the policies as outlined.**

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**Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**