

International Medical Graduate (IMG) Residency Preparation Program Guide

The University of Minnesota, in partnership with Minnesota Department of Health, will offer a residency preparatory program for IMGs. The faculty leads for this program are Drs. Hope Pogemiller, and Michael Westerhaus. This nine-month program will consist of inpatient and outpatient training opportunities as well as community and classroom based components to optimally prepare participants to match into and succeed in residency programs. Participants will be selected through a competitive application and based on meeting the eligibility requirements as well as readiness for residency, personal initiative, ambitions, and motivations for desiring to complete residency, previous clinical experience, and future goals as a practicing professionals. The eligibility requirements are:

- An immigrant now residing permanently in the US as a US citizen or permanent resident;
- Did not enter the US on a J1 visa or similar non-immigrant visa following acceptance to US medical resident or fellowship;
- MD Degree or International equivalent;
- At least two years of documented Minnesota residency by January 1, 2022;
- ECFMG Certification including Passing score on USMLE Steps 1 & 2 within 3 attempts;
- Demonstrated typing proficiency; and
- Personal health insurance coverage throughout the program period.

The timeline for the selection process is:

- April – **June 1st** Call for applications
- May 20th (noon- 1:00pm) - information session
- June 18th – Interview of Candidates
- TBD – Notification of 15 candidates to participate in the OSCE
- August - Notification of selected candidates

Interested applicants should submit **ALL** of the following by **June 1st, 2020 at 4:00 pm CST**:

- Written Application (attached);
- ECFMG Certification;
- USMLE Transcripts for Step 1&2 or *email confirmation that MDH has the transcript from a prior application*;
- Complete medical school transcript;
- 2 letters of reference (from colleagues or those who can comment on your character);
- C.V that includes all clinical experience and activities since medical school graduation;

*Applications will be considered incomplete if any of the above items are not received by June 1st. Incomplete applications **will not** be considered for interviews.*

Former applicants who submitted their USMLE transcripts in the past may contact Yende Anderson by email (below) to receive an email confirmation that MDH has the transcript from a prior application.

Application materials should be submitted electronically to Yende Anderson, IMG Assistance Program Coordinator at yende.anderson@state.mn.us.