

## 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:

- At least two years of documented Minnesota residency by January 1, 2021;
- ECFMG Certification;
- 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:

- Call for Applications Open: April 26-June 1
- BRIDGE Prospective Applicant Information Session: May 20, noon-1pm
- Applications Due: June 1, 4pm
- Interviews: June 18, 8:30am-12:30pm
- OSCE: early to mid July (exact date TBD)
- Notification of Selected Participants: August 9-13

Interested applicants should submit **ALL** of the following by **June 1, 2021 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 1. 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](mailto:yende.anderson@state.mn.us).