

Pathology Residency Program
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine/University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Last Updated 8/23/07

Is the Residency Program accredited by the ACGME?

Yes, we are fully accredited by the ACGME (<http://www.acgme.org/adspublic>) to enroll 33 Residents under Pathology (Anatomic & Clinical). Our ACGME Program Number is 3004121324.

How many positions are there in your Program?

In general we have 6 – 8 residents in each class PGY-1 through PGY-4.

How do I apply to your Program?

All our applications are accepted through ERAS (<http://www.aamc.org/students/eras/start.htm>). We begin downloading applications on September 1st. The deadline for applying is December 1st.

How many letters of recommendation do you require with each application?

Three.

Do you have a cut off for USMLE Step 1&2 scores? Will having passed USMLE Step 3 benefit me in any way?

We have no absolute requirements. Assessment is based on the applicant pool.

In accepting applications, do you consider year of graduation from medical school?

More important than year of graduation from medical school is the experience of the applicant since graduation.

When do you start reviewing applications? How many people do you interview?

Complete applications are reviewed by the Program Director. Applicants to be invited for interviews are notified via the e-mail address they've provided to ERAS. Typically, we interview 5-10% of the applicants.

Can I contact the Program Office to inquire on the status of my application?

You're welcome to contact the office anytime with any questions. But, if it has been several weeks since your completed application was downloaded from ERAS, and you haven't heard from us, most likely, your application has been placed on hold.

How many International Medical Graduates (IMGs) are there in your Program?

We have an open policy with regard to Resident recruitment. The number of IMGs varies from year to year and is based on the applicant pool. ECFMG certification (<http://www.ecfm.org/cert/certfact.html>) is required for all IMGs.

Do you sponsor visas for IMGs?

Yes, we sponsor J-1s mainly. H-1Bs are considered rarely, require that applicant has passed USMLE Step 3 and has under appropriate credentials such as strong research background and significant publications in an appropriate field.

Do you require US clinical experience (research, externship, observership, etc.)?

No, but it can be an advantage - as is research and academic experience - and based on the applicant pool. Make certain to note all relevant experience on your ERAS application.

Do you participate in the NRMP?

Yes - most of our incoming class is selected through the NRMP (http://www.nrmp.org/res_match/index.html), but we do consider applicants outside of the match based on the applicant pool.

If there are any other specific questions, please contact the Pathology Residency Program Office at training_path@upmc.edu. Best wishes.