

**Pathology Residency Program**  
**University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine/University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Last Updated 9.17.09**

**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.

**What Criteria Are Preferred In Considering Applications?**

Preferred candidates – based on the applicant pool - include: a) USMLE Step 1 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater; b) No USMLE failures and no USMLE score below 80<sup>th</sup> percentile; c) Two months of pathology elective experience; d) Academic record of publications and abstracts; f) IMG's with significant pathology experience and in particular two years or more of pathology residency training.

**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 October 30th.

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

Three.

**Will having passed USMLE Step 3 benefit me in any way?**

Step 3 is not a consideration except for H1B visa status.

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

Graduation from medical school should be in last 10 years.

**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 about 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?**

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

**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](http://www.nrmp.org/res_match/index.html)), but we do consider applicants outside of the match based on the applicant pool and excellence of the candidate.

**If there are any other specific questions, please contact the Pathology Residency Program Office at [training\\_path@upmc.edu](mailto:training_path@upmc.edu). Best wishes.**