

Pathology Residency Program
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine/University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Last Updated 7.22.21

<https://www.upmc.com/pathologyresidency> (Program website)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRanhMTMUPE> (Department)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T68u3hR4sec> (PIRRT)

Is the Residency Program accredited by the ACGME?

Yes, we are fully accredited by the ACGME (<https://apps.acgme.org/ads/public/>) 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. We recruit for APCP, AP, and CP tracks.

What candidates are considered to be highly competitive?

a) USMLE Step 1 first attempt three digit score 225 or higher; b) Two months or more of pathology elective experience; c) Two letters of reference from pathologists; d) Academic record of abstracts and/or publications; e) Graduation from medical school in last 5 years; f) Pathology post-sophomore year, and f) IMGs with pathology residency training experience.

What criteria are preferred to identify candidates to be considered for an interview in addition to the above?

a) No USMLE failures; b) Graduation from medical school less than 10 years before start date; c) At least one month U.S. pathology experience; d) Some academic or project activity.

How do I apply to your Program?

All applications are accepted through ERAS (<http://www.aamc.org/students/eras/start.htm>). We begin reviewing applications on September 29th. The deadline for applying is October 31st.

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

Three and at least two must be from pathologists.

What are your criteria for USMLE Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3?

No applicants will be invited to interview who have not passed USMLE Step 1. We may invite candidates to interview who have not taken USMLE Step 2 but prefer that applicants for our match list have passed USMLE Step 2 CK on the first attempt. Taking USMLE Step 3 is not a requirement for being considered for our match list. Passing USMLE Step 3 by the rank order list deadline is required for consideration for H1-B visa sponsorship.

How do you review applications?

A holistic approach is used to select individuals to interview from eligible applicants on the basis of program-related criteria including those above. We do not discriminate with regard to sex, race, age, religion, color, national origin, disability, or any other applicable legally protected status. Competitive applicants are considered for an interview. Applicants to be invited for interviews are notified via the email address provided to ERAS. All interviewed candidates are considered for ranking on our competitive match list.

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

You are welcome to contact the office anytime with questions.

Do you interview International Medical Graduates (IMGs)?

We consider IMGs who are highly competitive. ECFMG certification (<http://www.ecfmg.org/cert/certfact.html>) is required for all IMGs.

Do you sponsor visas for IMGs?

We routinely consider sponsorship for J-1 visas. Sponsorship for an H1-B visa is considered for applicants with significant academic and research achievement and requires that the applicant has passed USMLE Step 3 prior to being considered for our match list. Success of the application is not guaranteed and is subject to both program and institutional support. If it becomes legally impossible for us to sponsor the applicant for H-1B visa status, the applicant will need to understand and agree to J-1 visa status for fulfillment of the residency program.

Do you participate in the NRMP?

All of our positions are included in the match through the match process of the NRMP (<https://www.nrmp.org/intro-to-main-residency-match/>).

How many Fellowships do you have?

We have 15 fellowships – some with more than one position (<https://path.upmc.edu/fellowship/index.htm>).

Please contact the Pathology Residency Program Office at zrimpl@upmc.edu with specific questions. Best wishes.