

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
CLINICAL INFORMATICS PROGRAM
Eligibility and Selection Policy

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PURPOSE

The University of Washington Clinical Informatics Fellowship Eligibility and Selection Policy is designed to ensure fair and consistent consideration and decision-making for all applicants to our fellowship program. This policy conforms strictly to the broader UW GME Eligibility and Selection Policy.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The CI Fellow Position Description and Essential Functions document will be placed on the program website so that it will be available to applicants.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Clinical Informatics fellowship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Completion of training in an ACGME, ACGME-I or Canadian-accredited program
- Completion of USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX Level 3 prior to commencement of training
- ECFMG Certification (for International Medical Graduates)
- The program may accept international applicants who do not meet the ACGME's requirements for program eligibility but meet the following additional qualifications as required by ACGME: evaluation by the program director and fellowship selection committee of the applicant's suitability to enter the program, based on prior training

and review of the summative evaluations of training in the core specialty; review of the applicants exceptional qualifications; and verification of ECFMG Certification.

- Board-eligible or board-certified in their primary specialty prior to starting their Clinical Informatics fellowship. Applicants will be evaluated in conjunction with faculty in their primary clinical specialty.
- If accepted, applicants that have not met all of these residency and board eligibility requirements might not become board-eligible in Clinical Informatics or in their primary specialty at the completion of training.
- The program accepts applicants requiring J-1 and H-1B sponsorship under the [GME Visa Policy](#).
- During the educational program, fellows maintain their primary specialty certification by practicing 10% clinical time in their core specialty. Fellow specialties that we have supported include: Emergency Medicine, Endocrinology (adult), Family Medicine, General Surgery (as Pediatric Surgery), Hematopathology, Internal Medicine, Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Pediatrics, Pediatric Hematology, Pediatric Hospital Medicine, Pediatric Otolaryngology, Pediatric Rheumatology, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Please reach out if your specialty is not included above.

APPLICATION

The UW Clinical Informatics Fellowship training program accepts applications through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®). Clinical Informatics participates in the match process hosted by the American Medical Informatics Association.

Letter of Recommendation Requirements:

- 3 letters of recommendation
- One of the letters of recommendation must be from the chair of the department or the program director at your residency program - ideally from the time when you completed your residency. If the person with that role (e.g. your residency director) is no longer in that role, then either the person in the role when you graduated from

residency (e.g. your residency director) or the person currently in that role (e.g. the current residency director) is acceptable.

- We do not have any requirements as to the format or content of any letters of recommendation, other than they should be current.

DEADLINES

- We accept applications until October 15 for positions starting the following academic year, and we review them on a rolling basis, so it is potentially beneficial to apply as early as possible. If you wish us to consider applications after that deadline, please contact the program director.
- Applicants and programs need to follow the AMIA Match deadlines (published by AMIA) with respect to when rank order lists need to be submitted.
- Applicants will be notified by AMIA of their match results as per AMIA's published match deadlines.

INTERVIEWS

Applicants invited to interview for a fellow position will be informed by electronic means of the terms, conditions, and benefits of their appointment to the ACGME accredited program, the trainee description and essential functions of the fellowship, as well as all institutional and program policies regarding eligibility and selection for appointment. All terms, conditions, and benefits of the potential appointment are described in the Residency and Fellowship Position Appointment (RFPA). These resources are posted on the [Prospective Residents and Fellows](#) page on the UW GME website.

SELECTION

Future trainees in the program are ranked among eligible applicants on the basis of training program-related criteria. Primary responsibility for selecting candidates with the skills, aptitudes, and abilities for the educational program lies with the program director and the

faculty. The program will not discriminate with regard to sex, race, age, religion, color, national origin, disability, or any other applicable legally protected status.

Our program participates in the AMIA match. We only rank applicants that we have interviewed, and can only rank applicants that state that we have applied to their program in the AMIA match program. We can only consider applicants outside of the match in three scenarios per our match agreements;

- The applicant is already training at UW Medicine, at the discretion of the program
- The applicant seeks a combined training program, where they would apply to both our program and the clinical program, and typically enter the clinical program match
- The applicant seeks a position for a different academic year (e.g. Pathology residents applying 2 years ahead instead of the year ahead of the position)

Before accepting a resident/fellow who has completed residency and/or fellowship training at UW or an outside training program, or who is transferring from another program, the program must obtain verification of previous educational experiences and a summative competency-based performance evaluation of the transferring resident, as outlined in the UW GME Transfer Policy.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

The University of Washington is committed to fostering an inclusive, respectful and welcoming community for all. As an equal opportunity employer, the University considers applicants for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, citizenship, sex, pregnancy, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, disability, or veteran status consistent with [UW Executive Order No. 81](#).

To request disability accommodation in the job application process, contact the Disability Services Office at 206-543-6450 or dso@uw.edu.