

POLICY: Eligibility and Selection Requirements for Neuroradiology Fellowship Applicants.

Institution: George Washington University

Program: Neuroradiology Fellowship

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PURPOSE:

This policy is designed to facilitate the fulfillment of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements by the neuroradiology fellowship applicants* who are seeking a position in the GW neuroradiology fellowship program. This policy is a supplement to the institutional policy and that all requirements of institutional policy apply.

POLICY:

The eligibility requirements to the neuroradiology fellowship program will depend on the type of residency program from which an applicant has graduated. The neuroradiology fellowship applicants will be divided into two categories: 1) fellow applicants who have completed a residency in an ACGME, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)-associated, or The College of Family Physicians Canada (CFPC)-accredited program and 2) those whose residency program is not accredited by ACGME or CFPC. This policy is intended to clearly delineate the specific and measurable/obtainable requirements needed for acceptance into the GW neuroradiology fellowship program.

1. Neuroradiology fellowship applicants graduating from an ACGME, RCPSC-associated, or CFPC-accredited program must fulfill the following two requirements for selection:

- a. Satisfactory completion of a diagnostic radiology residency program accredited by the ACGME or RCPSC.
- b. Applicants must provide verification of his/her level of competency in neuroradiology based on ACGME or RCPSC (aka as CanMED) Milestone assessments from the residency program. This requirement can be fulfilled by a letter of recommendation from the chairman, residency program director/assistant program director, or a faculty member in the neuroradiology section familiar with the applicant's work and Milestone evaluations, stating the applicant's level of competency in diagnostic neuroradiology. For those applicants who have graduated from a residency program more than two years ago, a copy of their residency graduation certificate and a letter of recommendation from their current chairman, section chief, or a faculty member of the section familiar with the applicant's work, and Milestone evaluations[#], stating the applicant's level of competency in diagnostic neuroradiology, can also fulfill this requirement.

2. Applicants graduating from a non-ACGME program may qualify under the ACGME Fellow Eligibility Exception. After initial selection by the fellowship program director, the applicant will need to be approved by the GMEC or a GMEC subcommittee, at the discretion of the associate dean for GME, before they may be placed on a final rank list or offered a position after the match has occurred. Based on ACGME guidelines, this subcommittee will approve candidates who have fulfilled the six requirements stated in (a-f) and at least one of the requirements stated in (i-ix)*.

These applicants must have fulfilled these six requirements:

- a. Completed a residency training program in diagnostic radiology.
- b. Provided an academic record and/or a letter of recommendation with a summative assessment from the chairman, residency program director/assistant program director, or a faculty member in the neuroradiology section, verifying the applicant has shown evidence of clinical excellence during his/her radiology training. For those applicants who have graduated from a residency program more than two years ago, a copy of their residency graduation certificate and a letter of recommendation from their current chairman, section chief, or a faculty member of the section, verifying the applicant has shown evidence of clinical excellence, can also fulfill this requirement.
- c. Obtained a passing score in the USMLE steps 1, 2, and 3.
- d. Be eligible for D.C. medical training license.
- e. When applicable, obtained verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification.
- f. When applicable, have a J1 visa prior to the start of their fellowship.

In addition, these applicants must provide documentation supporting that they have accomplished at least one of the following requirements (i-ix):

- i. Participated in additional clinical training in radiology or neuroradiology.
- ii. Participated in additional research training in radiology or neuroradiology.
- iii. Presented a research topic at a regional, national, or international meeting.
- iv. Published a manuscript in a medical journal.
- v. Was granted a scholarship for academic achievement.
- vi. Was granted an award for academic achievement.
- vii. Obtained grant funding for a research project.
- viii. Provided a letter of recommendation stating how the applicant has “demonstrated leadership skills” during or after training in radiology.
- ix. Completed an ACGME-international-accredited program.

3. Appointments:

Applicants graduating from a non-ACGME program who are selected for the Neuroradiology Fellowship Program will be assessed by the Neuroradiology section at GW-using the milestone evaluation form within six weeks after beginning their fellowship. This assessment will be performed by the fellowship clinical competency committee. If not up to standard, the fellow will have to undergo a remediation program.

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https://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/Portals/0/PFAssets/ProgramRequirements/423_neuroradiology_diag_rad_2016_1-YR.pdf

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