

Fellowship Application System for International Medical Graduates - FAQ



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What should be included in the personal statement?

You should include:

- Why you are applying
- Your ambitions and what interests you about the fellowship?
- What makes you suitable candidate for a fellowship – any relevant skills, experience or achievements gained from education, work or other activities?
- What is your long term plan?



I have not yet completed my specialty training. Can I still submit my application?

In order to be admissible for a fellowship position, you must have completed a residency before the start of your fellowship. If you don't yet have a copy of your specialist certificate, please submit a letter from either your Program Director or University confirming your program and anticipated end date. A letter from the board confirming that you successfully completed the specialty exams would also be acceptable.



I've completed my medical degree in English; do I still need to write an English proficiency test?

No, if any of your education was completed in English, all you need to submit is either a screenshot of the **World Directory of Medical Schools'** Program Details page or a letter from the school confirming the language of instruction is English. The World Directory of Medical Schools can be found at the following site. <https://search.wdoms.org/>



To whom should the Letters of Recommendation be addressed?

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Can the letters of recommendation be emailed directly to you from my referees?

Yes, they can be emailed to pgmefor@uottawa.ca . Once received, they will be added to your on-line application. Since the letters of recommendation are mandatory fields, please attach a blank word document with a note "Reference letters to follow directly".



I do not have a sponsor. Is it still possible for me to apply?

When you chose the program you are interested in from the drop-down menu, a pop-up appears with the program requirements. If it doesn't mention that sponsorship is required, funding may be available through the program; therefore sponsorship would not be mandatory.



Can I be self-funded?

No, unfortunately you must be sponsored, or must receive a salary from a hospital affiliated with the University of Ottawa in order to complete a fellowship in Ottawa.



The fellowship that I am interested in is not listed in the drop-down menu. How do I apply?

If the fellowship program that you are interested in is not listed on the application website that means that the program is currently not reviewing foreign trained physicians' applications at that time. Please visit the site again after June 1 for positions available the following July.



What happens once an application for admission is submitted?

The application is automatically sent to the program for consideration. If the program is interested in the application, the file will be directed to the PGME Office for verification (approval of financial and academic admissibility). Once approved, the file will be re-directed to the program, whereby they will contact you for an interview. Should you not be selected for an interview, you will receive a notification by e-mail



How can I follow-up on the status of my application?

Please contact the program directly. Contact information is available at the following link.

<http://med.uottawa.ca/postgraduate/programs>



Is it possible to apply for more than one fellow position at a time?

We suggest that you apply to a maximum of three fellowship programs unless stated otherwise when you choose the program you are interested in from the drop-down list.



How long is a fellowship program?

The term of a fellowship is a minimum of 1 month and can be up to 3 years. Any additional period must be approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.