

Interesting Questions for Residency Programs

2021 Virtual Residency Fair

Students and Trainees Subcommittee

Training

1. How are the rotations structured? Are there multiple campuses for the rotations?
2. How is resident progress assessed?
3. Are there research expectations for residents in your program? If so, what kind of research is currently available?
4. How are residents paired with research mentors? Are they paired with a single mentor or will they be expected to work on a new project each rotation?
5. What consistent clinical responsibilities do your residents have?
 - a. RT examples: machine QA, chart checks, IMRT QA, physicist of the day, etc.
 - b. DI examples: annual testing, detector calibration, new/repairs equipment check, CT protocol review, fetal dose calculations, etc.
6. Will there be commissioning/acceptance testing opportunities in the near future? Of what equipment?
7. What opportunities are there for residents to teach? Are the presentations required? What is the frequency in which residents are expected/required to present?
8. How has your program and department adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic? What changes have been implemented as a result? How have these measures affected the resident training?
9. (IMAGING ONLY) What nuclear medicine experience will residents receive?
10. (IMAGING ONLY) Do residents gain enough mammography testing experience to become MQSA certified?
11. (IMAGING ONLY) What vendors are available for advanced modalities at your site (MRI, CT)?
12. (THERAPY ONLY) How are the residents trained in treatment planning? Which treatment planning systems are available?
13. (THERAPY ONLY) Will residents be considered AMP-eligible at the completion of your residency training program?
14. What are typical resident hours/ are there flex hours/ expected night & weekend availability?

Conferences

1. Do the residents have opportunities to travel to conferences? Which ones? To present or just to attend?
2. Are there professional days to account for conference travel?
3. Is conference travel funded by your program?
4. Does your program have an educational fund for residents? If so, how much is it and what does it cover?

Living

1. How is the cost of living compared to the resident salary? What do benefits (e.g. health, dental, and vision insurance, retirement plans, etc.) include?
2. Do most residents commute to work? How long is the commute?
3. What percentage of time is devoted to off-site testing? (How much off-site testing is > 30 minutes away from the main site. What percent of off-site testing requires over-night stays?)
4. Is parking available on campus? Or do most residents rely on public transportation?
5. How much PTO do residents have?
6. Do you offer paid parental leave?
7. Are there options for child care on site?
8. Do you allow residents any work from home options?

International Applicants

1. Do you have/have you had international residents that required a VISA?
2. What is the onboarding process for foreign residents at your institution? Work VISA (H1B)? OPT?

Other Questions

1. To whom may I address any additional questions?