

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Most doctoral recipients spend three to six years following receipt of degree in postdoctoral training. The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has an active program of postdoctoral study. Currently there are 2,365 postdoctoral students enrolled, of whom 228 are in the basic medical science departments, 1221 in clinical science departments, 851 are house officers of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. By actions of the Advisory Board of the Medical Faculty and of the Medical Board of the Hospital, primary responsibility for postdoctoral medical education is placed upon the Medical Faculty. Postdoctoral students, including house officers of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and affiliated hospitals, must register in the School of Medicine and are designated by the title of Fellow of the School of Medicine.

The following sections outline briefly some of the opportunities for postdoctoral education in the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

For specific information, applicants should communicate with the director of the department in which they desire to study, the Associate Dean for Postdoctoral Programs, or the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education.

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Postgraduate Study and Fellowships

The School of Medicine offers opportunities for study to a limited number of individuals holding the M.D., Ph.D., or other equivalent doctoral degrees from accredited institutions. All departments and divisions have facilities for postdoctoral students. Candidates desiring to avail themselves of these opportunities for instruction and study must be acceptable to the head of the department in which they wish to work.

It is the policy of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine to require criminal background investigations on accepted students in any professional or graduate program at the School of Medicine, interns, residents, and clinical fellows in any Graduate Medical Education program sponsored by Johns Hopkins, and other clinical and research postdoctoral fellows at the School of Medicine.

Residency and fellowship programs are approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission for veterans' educational benefits.

Postdoctoral/GME Offices

The Offices of Graduate Medical Education and Postdoctoral Programs, within the Dean's Office of the School of Medicine, are directed by Associate Deans. The offices deal with all house staff of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and all postdoctoral fellows in the School of Medicine. The offices recommend and implement institutional policies covering house staff, in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President for Medical Affairs of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and for non-house staff postdoctoral fellows. In addition, the Associate Deans and staff are available to all house officers and postdoctoral fellows for personal and career counseling. Additional information regarding the Postdoctoral/GME offices can be found at <http://gme.med.jhmi.edu>.

Health and Dental Insurance

All postdoctoral students, their spouses, and dependent children must be covered by health insurance. It is required that postdoctoral students

subscribe to the School of Medicine Student Health Program (SHP). Spouses and dependent children may be covered under an alternative insurance plan, subject to review and approval by the School of Medicine Registrar's Office. Foreign or travelers insurance is not accepted.

The dental plan for postdoctoral students covers only the student. The dental plan for the house officer also covers dependents. The house staff health insurance plans are fully subsidized by the Hospital and School of Medicine. The cost of individual health and dental insurance is provided for all non-house staff postdoctoral fellows.

A complete description of benefit plans can be found at <http://gme.med.jhmi.edu>.

Other Benefits

All house staff and fellows with full-time, primary appointments in the School of Medicine are covered under a long-term disability insurance program and a \$100,000 term life insurance policy. These benefits are provided without cost to the trainees. A 403(b) retirement plan allows house staff and fellows to voluntarily tax-shelter a portion of their taxable income received as compensation for services. Income received in the form of fellowships (stipends) is excluded from 403(b) eligibility.

The University Health Service (UHS) provides adult ambulatory care to housestaff and postdoctoral students and spouses (if enrolled in the SHP). The fee for this service is provided by the preceptor.

Fellowships and Fees

Postdoctoral students are usually supported by stipends which accompany the awarding of fellowships. Some sources of the stipend offered to holders of these fellowships lie in the School of Medicine, others in agencies outside the school. Fellowship awards are usually made for one academic year and can be extended for those who wish additional training. Preceptors are expected to abide by the NIH minimum stipend guidelines for years of relevant experience for non-housestaff fellows paid through the Johns Hopkins University payroll system. Postdoctoral students who are not members of the house staff will be assessed tuition at the rate established by the University Board of Trustees for non-M.D. candidates, pro-rated in relation to period of enrollment (see Tuition Policies).

Internships and Residencies

Graduate physicians who are applicants for internship and residency positions at the Johns Hopkins Hospital may direct their inquiries to the director of the department in which they desire to serve, care of:

The Johns Hopkins Hospital
600 N. Wolfe St.
Baltimore, MD 21287

Postdoctoral Courses-Continuing Medical Education

Intensive brief courses are offered annually by various clinical departments. Current and future offerings can be found at <https://hopkinscme.cloud-cme.com>