

University of Washington  
Advanced Imaging Fellowship in Cardiology  
Fellow Eligibility and Selection Policy

**Purpose:** The University of Washington School of Medicine Eligibility and Selection Policy is designed to ensure fair and consistent consideration and decision-making for all applicants to UW GME residency and clinical fellowship training programs. Recruitment and appointment of residents and fellows to UW programs is performed by the respective program director, faculty and department chair under the oversight of the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) and the Office of Graduate Medical Education.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must meet the following qualifications to be eligible for appointment to this fellowship program:

1. Successful completion of ACGME training in Cardiovascular Disease (board-eligible/board-certified)
2. Graduation from a medical school in the United States or Canada, accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME); or,
3. Graduation from a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA); or,
4. Graduation from a medical school outside of the United States or Canada, and meeting one of the following additional qualifications:
  - a. Holds a currently valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates prior to appointment, or,
  - b. Holds a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a US licensing jurisdiction in his or her current ACGME specialty/subspecialty program or,
  - c. Has graduated from a medical school outside the United States and has completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school.

**Application:** All applicants to the University of Washington's Advanced Imaging Fellowship Program are required to submit their application to the Cardiology Fellowship Office (see attached application)

**Interview:** Applicants invited to interview for a fellow position will be informed in writing or by electronic means, of the terms, conditions, and benefits of their appointment to this non-ACGME-accredited program, as well as all institutional and program policies regarding eligibility and selection for appointment, either in effect at the time of the interview or that will be in effect at the time of their eventual appointment. This includes financial support; vacations; parental, sick, and other leaves of absence; and professional liability, hospitalization, health, disability and other insurance accessible to residents/fellows and their eligible dependents. All terms, conditions, and benefits of the potential appointment are described in the Residency and Fellowship Position Appointment, which are available by January 15th of each year and effective for the following academic year. These resources are posted on the [Prospective Residents and Fellows](#) page on the GME website.

**Selection:** The Advanced Imaging Fellowship Program's Selection Committee will meet to discuss and rank all applicants interviewed. The Committee will select trainees among eligible applicants on the basis of training program-related criteria such as their preparedness, ability, aptitude, academic credentials, communication skills, and personal qualities such as motivation and integrity, as well as professionalism. There will be no discrimination with regard to sex, race, age, religion, color, national origin, disability, or any other applicable legally protected status.

Before accepting a fellow who has completed residency training at UW or an outside training program, or who is transferring from another program, our program will request verification of previous educational experiences and a summative competency-based performance evaluation of the transferring resident, as outlined in the UW GME [Transfer Policy](#).

International Medical Graduates (IMGs): Graduates of medical schools outside the US and Canada (IMGs) are required to have passed all examinations required for ECFMG Certification, including USMLE Steps 1 and 2 and 3 (CK and CS) or their equivalents, before they may be considered for final selection to a residency or fellowship training program.

**Matching:** The Advanced Imaging Fellowship Program does not participate in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) Match. Top ranked applicants will be contacted directly by the Program Director with an offer for a position. Contact will be made by written communication, via email.

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**Position Details:** The University of Washington School of Medicine Division of Cardiology is accepting applications for the non-ACGME Advanced Imaging Fellowship program. This is a full-time (100% FTE) 12-month appointment available July 1, 2016.

The major purpose of this fellowship training is to prepare individuals for careers in academic medicine. It is anticipated that at the end of their training, these highly qualified and skilled individuals will be able to launch productive research and clinical careers. It is expected graduates will be eligible to become directors of echocardiography laboratories or to work as multimodality imagers and researchers in academic medical centers. They will fill a current national need for leaders in academic medicine who are able to teach the next generation of cardiovascular trainees. As the population ages, the need for cardiologists will continue to expand, and it will be necessary to expand the pool of academic educators to meet this need. In addition, there is a need for imaging research to define novel techniques to detect subclinical disease and thereby act to lessen disease burden, but also to define appropriate use of imaging services and avoid overtesting. It is expected that graduates of this program will serve as academic cardiologist-imagers in the UW Medicine system and will promote the reputation of UW by filling academic cardiologist-imager positions in major academic medical centers worldwide.

Requirements include:

- MD (or foreign equivalent)
- Completion of an ACGME-accredited Cardiovascular Disease fellowship
- Board-certification/Board-eligibility in Cardiology

In order to be eligible for University sponsorship for an H-1B visa, graduates of foreign (non-U.S.) medical schools must show successful completion of all three steps of the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE).

University of Washington is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to, among other things, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, status as protected veterans, or status as qualified individuals with disabilities.

Applications will be accepted during this time only: January 1, 2016 – January 31, 2016. Interviews will be held in February 2016. We will contact you if you have been selected to interview.

Applicants should send **a single PDF** to the cardiology fellowship office: [uwcardapps@cardiology.washington.edu](mailto:uwcardapps@cardiology.washington.edu), which includes:

1. Curriculum Vitae including list of publications
2. One-Page Personal Statement describing why you want to train at the UW, your future career goals, and your research experience (500 word maximum)
3. Copy of USMLE transcripts – Steps 1-3
4. Copy of Medical School Transcripts
5. ECFMG Certificate and Visa status if applicable
6. Letter of support from you cardiology program director
7. Two additional confidential letters of recommendation – sent directly from letter writers

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