

**SUBJECT: Graduate Medical Education (GME) Residency and Fellowship Training Opportunities (School Year 2015)**

The following information will assist applicants wishing to pursue specialty training at the PGY2 and above level of GME beginning in July 2015 and designated programs available for July 2016 (refer to paragraphs 16 & 17 for available programs for July 2016). **DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS 15 SEPTEMBER 2014; DEADLINE DATE FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IS 15 OCTOBER 2014.**

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ARMY RESIDENCIES (PGY2) AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

a. **Army Active Duty MC Officers:** Must be currently enrolled or have completed an accredited PGY1 program approved by either the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA); have passed Steps 1-3 of a US licensure examination and possess a current, valid, active, unrestricted medical license; and meet the utilization requirement stated in paragraph 2 below. Physicians currently in an Army PGY1 program are exempt from the licensure requirement. If applying for fellowship, must be either enrolled in residency training or have completed all required residency years and be board certified in their initial specialty at first opportunity. Graduates of combined programs need to be doubly boarded to be eligible. **Residency and fellowship selectees must have completed the Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) before they will be allowed to begin training.** Individuals who are not Medical Corps eligible or who have been branch transferred from Medical Corps to any other Corps are not eligible to apply.

b. **Civilian Physicians:** Must be a US citizen and a graduate from an accredited (Liaison Committee for Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association) school of medicine in the US or Puerto Rico; be currently enrolled in or have completed an accredited PGY1 program approved by either the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA); have no contractual obligation for military service in the selected reserves; have passed Steps 1-3 of the licensure examination; and possess a current, valid, active, unrestricted medical license. Applicants should be aware that they must enter active duty in the US Army to train in Army programs. If selected for Army GME training, applicant must meet Army accessioning standards and be accessed on active duty by 30 June 2015 or selection will be withdrawn. If entering at an advanced level of residency, i.e., PGY3 or above, the applicant must have satisfactorily completed sufficient training in an accredited US residency program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to allow advanced placement. Civilian physicians, who are currently in PGY1 of training, are exempt from the licensure requirement but must have successfully passed Steps 1 and 2 of the US licensure examination and be registered to take Step 3. If selected for GME, applicant must pass Step 3 examination by March 30, 2015. US citizens who are graduates from schools of medicine that were not located in either the US or Puerto Rico may apply for residency positions at the PGY-2 and above level. To be eligible, these candidates must have a valid ECFMG certificate, have passed parts I, II and III of USMLE, and have successfully completed an ACGME accredited PGY1 in the US. Such candidates are not eligible to apply for PGY1 positions in military programs.

c. An Army reserve officer who has a contractual active duty service obligation as a result of participation in a federally funded undergraduate program, who is currently in the Army specialty delay program, and meets all eligibility criteria, is eligible to apply for Army training.

d. Physicians who have performed their first year of GME in an accredited program in one specialty and wish to apply for training in a different specialty may do so. The application should indicate training will start at the PGY2 level even if they will be performing the equivalent of a PGY1 curriculum. If selected, the length of training specified in the contract will be adjusted to meet board eligibility requirements.

**2. TIME ON STATION (TOS) UTILIZATION REQUIREMENT:**

**Due to the present fiscal climate and Army operational needs, there have been changes to the TOS/utilization requirements, as specified below; however, all individuals interested in further GME are encouraged to apply. Fulfilling the requirements for physician training for the Army MC will remain a priority.**

a. There are no restrictions on eligibility for current PGY1 trainees in applying for further GME.

b. Individuals who are current General Medical Officers (GMO) or in a staff utilization tour may be considered for selection if they have 24 months TOS by the start of the academic year.

c. Fellowship applicants should note the potential for a requirement for a utilization tour prior to beginning training. Equally qualified candidates who have completed such a tour may be prioritized for selection.

d. Officers who are enrolled in, selected for, or graduated from Intermediate Level Education (10-month resident program at Fort Leavenworth only) or a Senior Service College are not eligible to apply for GME selection until they have completed the utilization tour described in AR 351-3, paragraph 6-2b. Determination of this utilization tour will be made by Medical Corps Branch, AHRC.

**3. OBTAINING THE APPLICATION:** The Army GME application must be accessed through the Medical Education Occupational Data System Homepage @ [www.mods.army.mil/medicaleducation](http://www.mods.army.mil/medicaleducation). Upon opening this website, the Medical Education Directorate logo will appear and the “logon” option must be selected. Log on with your CAC card or an established logon ID and password (if a logon ID and password have never been obtained before, then follow procedures to request a logon ID and password prior to logging on). After logon, access the website menu toolbar option “Application for GME” for completion of all required application modules. This system requires all applicants to electronically generate their application and Curriculum Vitae (CV). This is the only means available for submitting an Army application for Army PGY2 training and above. To ensure successful submission of an application, applicants should refer to the “Application Status” at the top of the page on the right; if “Not Applied” appears, the applicant is responsible for returning to any outstanding module to ensure that it is submitted appropriately. Once “Applied” appears at the top of the page, the application and CV have been submitted. The CV is automatically populated from information entered on the application; there is no need to upload a separate CV. The “Status” tab also allows applicants to track the status of the required supporting documents. If you have previously applied, you should only need to update the application information itself, and should not need to create a new one.

#### **4. TRAINING PREFERENCES:**

a. To maximize chances for selection, applicants are required to list all Army training site preferences in numerical order;

b. If an applicant desires consideration only at one site and the training is offered at more than one site, a letter of explanation must be forwarded to Chief, GME Division, Linda Diehl: [linda.m.diehl.civ@mail.mil](mailto:linda.m.diehl.civ@mail.mil).

**5. DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: Deadline date for receipt of applications is 15 September 2014.** Applications arriving after **15 September 2014** will not be considered. The application must be submitted through the GME website as indicated in paragraph 3. Applicants should ensure that they have officially submitted all required documents by checking the “Application Status” section of their web record.

**6. CHANGES TO APPLICATION ONCE SUBMITTED:** An applicant has until **15 September 2014** to make changes to the submitted DoD Application. Changes may be made to the application by going to the “Apply for GME” tab on the tool bar, click on the + sign and all of the application modules will appear. You may edit all fields within the application and CV until 15 September 2014. After this date, all data is fixed on the application and cannot be modified by the applicant. Any hospital preference changes or changes of requested specialty after 15 September 2014 must be submitted in writing and must be received in the GME office, DHHQ, OTSG, NLT 15 October 2014.

**7. WITHDRAWING AN APPLICATION:** In order to have an application withdrawn from consideration after it has been submitted, an applicant must go to “Status” on the tool bar and then “Current Request Summary”. Once the summary is displayed, go to the Withdraw button at the bottom of the page and click to withdraw the application. The deadline date for withdrawing a submitted application in this manner is 1 November 2014.

#### **8. REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

a. In addition to submitting an application through the Army GME application website, all applicants must submit the following supporting documents:

**NOTE: Documents 1-6 & 9 will be uploaded directly by the applicant to the application within MODS website (click on “General Info” tab in MODS for directions on uploading documentation):**

1. **Medical School Transcript**: Must include English translation if from a foreign medical school; **for those applying for Preventive/Occupational Medicine, submit MCAT and/or GRE, and Undergraduate Transcripts.**

2. **Internship/Residency Certificate (Civilian Applicants only)**: Civilian applicants must submit certificates of completion for Internship.

3. **Licensure Examination**: Results of all Steps 1 through 3 of licensure examinations (USMLE or COMLEX).

4. **Professional Medical License**: Copy of current, valid, active, unrestricted medical license with a valid expiration date. Army PGY1 participants or civilian applicants due to complete PGY1 training in June 2015 are exempt from this requirement;

5. **Personal Statement**: A statement of no longer than one page highlighting experiences, motivations and career goals that supports the request for further Graduate Medical Education;

6. **Officer Evaluation Reports (OER's) (Army Active Duty MC Officers Only)**: The last 5 OERs must be uploaded by the applicant. OERs uploaded to MODS for a 2013 GME application will not need to be re-submitted; however, applicants will need to upload all subsequent OERs.

7. **Command 5 Point Certification Document (Army Active Duty MC Officers Only)**: The Certification will include Date of Arrival to Unit, APFT, Ht & Wt, Profile (if applicable) and other Flags. This form will be available for the applicant to download from the application web site after 1 September 2014. The document will be completed and signed by the Company or Troop Commander of the Unit, and **returned directly to the OTSG GME Office via official e-mail no later than 1 November 2014.** If the individual exceeds screening weight for height and age, documentation of body fat computation must also be submitted. In those cases in which a profile exists, a copy of the profile and any extension of the profile (DA Form 3349) must be submitted;

8. **Letters of Recommendation (LOR's)**:

a. Medical School Performance Evaluation (MSPE)/Deans Letter: Original or copy.

b. If Currently in a GME Program:

1. **Active Duty Army MC Officers in Training**: Current program director must complete the "Program Director Recommendation Form". This form is posted on the GME application website with access available to all current Army program directors.

2. **Civilian Physicians**: Current program director must submit a letter of recommendation in written format to the address stated in (f) below; If no longer in a training program, the program director from the last training program that you attended and or completed must submit a letter of recommendation and statement of successful completion from the program to the address in (f) below.

c. If **no longer** in a GME program (**Army Active Duty MC Officers Only**): Letter from Last Training Program Director: program directors are required to complete the "Program Director Recommendation Form" that is posted on the GME website. Army active duty MC officers, who completed an Army GME program, must contact their program director and advise them of their intent to apply for further training and request that the program director complete the required form if it was not completed upon completion of training. If the last program director is no longer on active duty and did not submit a program director recommendation form, applicants should contact the training hospital and speak with the GME staff at that facility in order to determine a course of action in obtaining this recommendation form.

d. Letter of Recommendation from **Current MC Supervisor (Required for only those Army active duty MC officers who are not in a training status)**: If no MC supervisor, then Commander, Division Surgeon or Brigade Surgeon, etc. Civilian physicians must submit a letter of recommendation from an individual who has knowledge of their civilian practice.

e. Two Additional LOR's of the Applicant's Choice (**Letters must be current with a 2014 calendar year date**): If an Army active duty MC officer is currently in a transitional Army PGY1 program, it is

recommended that one of these letters be from a senior staff person in the specialty for which the applicant is requesting consideration. Civilian physicians may choose to do this as well if they are currently completing a transitional PGY1 year. Physicians (Army or civilian) who have completed any portion of GME training at a civilian program must submit an LOR from the program director of **each** training institution; failure to provide such will preclude the applicant's packet from being forwarded to the board for consideration.

f. **Letters of recommendation should be forwarded to:** Graduate Medical Education Division, DHHQ, ATTN: DASG-PSZ-MG, 7700 Arlington Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Falls Church, VA 22042.

9. **If Applicable, Copy of All Specialty Board Certifications Completed:** Applicants who desire consideration for fellowship training and have had sufficient time to meet requirements for specialty board certification, **MUST** be board certified prior to beginning their fellowship program. Graduates of combined programs need to provide a copy of each of their certifications in order to meet this requirement. If Part I of the boards has been completed and applicant is waiting to take Part II, submit a copy of the letter from the specialty board stating results of Part I and include the date when Part II can be taken. If specialty boards are scheduled for a certain date, this information must be stated on the Supplemental Data form. Additionally, any individual who has been unsuccessful in passing any parts of their specialty board certification must include this information when submitting their application (see supplemental data screen on the website in which this data must be annotated). Army GME trainees who are currently in a residency program and requesting progression into fellowship training are not required to be board certified before advancing into fellowship training. They must provide results of the board certification exam taken at the first opportunity immediately after graduation from residency. Failure to take and pass the board certification exam after residency may result in a leave of absence from training or termination from training.

9. **DEADLINE DATE FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** All supporting documents must be uploaded to application and received by OTSG GME office no later than **15 October 2014**.

#### 10. **INTERVIEWING:**

a. All applicants requesting GME training at the PGY-2 level and above are required to interview with a program director in their chosen specialty. This interview can be conducted either in person or by telephone and must be coordinated directly between the applicant and the individual program director; Program Directors do not have the option of refusing to interview an eligible applicant for GME who has submitted a valid application.

b. To assist you in the interview process, you are directed to the website in order to obtain the name and telephone number of the program director/consultant in your chosen specialty. To obtain this information, after you have logged into the website, you must select "PD Listing" from the "General Info" menu option.

c. There is a standardized interview sheet which will be utilized by the program directors in evaluating all applicants. This interview sheet entitled "DoD Graduate Medical Education Interview Sheet" has been provided to all program directors/consultants who are required to complete it on the GME website.

d. All applicants will provide only a hard copy of their web CV at the time of interview. This is the only document which can be requested by a Program Director or provided by an applicant. Request for copy of the application form or any other documents, especially those mentioned as supporting documents, is a violation of board policy and must be reported immediately to the OTSG, GME office. Such information will be maintained as confidential and considered without prejudice.

e. Interviewing for Army sponsored civilian training: Individuals requesting consideration for Army sponsored civilian training must interview with the Army consultant in their current specialty.

f. **Program directors/consultants are required to submit a completed interview form via the website no later than 15 October 2014.**

#### 11. **LICENSURE REQUIREMENT (ARMY ACTIVE DUTY MC OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS):**

a. In accordance with AR 40-68 and DoD Regulation 6025.13-R, physicians must obtain a current, active, valid, unrestricted medical license within 12 months of completing their PGY1 year of GME. Licensure is required

regardless of continued residency training or operational assignment. All physicians (MC active duty officers or civilians) desiring consideration for Army GME training at the PGY2 or above level of training **must** comply with the licensure requirement prior to beginning training. Failure on the part of an MC active duty physician to obtain a current, active, valid, unrestricted medical license, subsequent to notification of GME selection, will result in withdrawal of the GME selection.

**b. Active Duty or civilian applicants currently in their PGY1 year of training which is scheduled to end on 30 June 2014 are exempt from this requirement.** This exemption, however, does not absolve them of the responsibility to have taken and passed Part III of the national licensing exam. Failure on the part of an MC active duty physician to obtain a current, active, valid, unrestricted medical license, subsequent to notification of GME selection, will result in withdrawal of the GME selection.

c. Compliance with the licensure requirement must be maintained during the entire period of GME participation. Failure to meet standards may result in termination from the training program.

## 12. ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIREMENT AND APPEARANCE/WEIGHT STANDARDS:

a. It is the Surgeon General's policy that physicians entering Army GME training are required by existing regulatory guidance to comply with the Army physical fitness (APFT) and the Height/Weight standards. Army active duty MC officers who do not meet the requirement for Height/Weight or APFT may be considered for GME training, however, all such selectees will receive a contingency clause in their training agreement stipulating that they must meet requirements no later than 30 April of the year that training begins, or their selection for training will be rescinded. **Orders will not be released until all contingencies are met.**

b. As a condition of employment for continuation in GME training, all trainees **must** comply with the Army's standards for Height/Weight and for passing the APFT.

13. **SECOND RESIDENCIES/FELLOWSHIPS:** The Surgeon General's policy on participation in second residencies/fellowships states that physicians will not be selected for such training except in those unusual cases where it fulfills the needs of the Army. Although candidates who desire consideration for such training are not prohibited from applying, such applicants should not expect to be selected even though they may appear high on the order of merit list **if there are qualified candidates who have yet to undergo initial training.** Entry into second residencies or fellowships will only be made in selected specialties as determined by the board president of the Army portion of the JSGMESB according to the needs of the Army. Applicants requesting consideration for second residencies or fellowship training must be board certified in their residency/fellowship specialty and must have practiced in such specialty for the length of time equal to or greater than the training time required for specialty board certification, (the length of practiced time required does not include the PGY1 year). Those who are applying for second residencies/fellowships and have practiced for five years after completion respectively of the primary residency/fellowship training will be considered as first time residency/fellowship applicants. **They must also have completed the Medical Corps Captain's Career Course.**

14. **MULTIPLE SPECIALTY APPLICANTS:** Applicants cannot apply for more than one specialty in either residency or fellowship training. Anyone desiring to apply to more than 1 specialty must submit a request for exception to policy to the Director, Medical Education. Requests will be considered and approved on a case by case basis.

15. **RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP SPECIALTIES OFFERED:** Training spaces (PGY2) will be offered in various specialties conducted at military teaching facilities. Fellowship spaces will be offered in military and Army sponsored civilian programs. Refer to the website training location grids for specific residency and fellowship programs available. Applicants may only request consideration for those specialties shown on the website training location grid. **Civilian physicians are not eligible** to apply for Army sponsored civilian or in-house fellowship specialties indicated in paragraph 17 and 18.

## 16. RESIDENCY/FELLOWSHIP SPECIAL INFORMATION:

### a. RESIDENCIES – Programs with specific requirements:

- **Aerospace Medicine** - Applicants should be aware that Army Aerospace Medicine training is a three (3) year program. Army Aerospace Medicine training includes and requires the completion of residency programs in both Aerospace and Occupational Medicine conducted at the USASAM, Fort Rucker, AL. During the

PGY2 and PGY3 year's trainees are also required to complete an MPH degree through the University of West Florida. The applicant must submit an official acceptance letter from the University of West Florida prior to beginning training. For application and retention in Aerospace Medicine training, all trainees must be able to obtain and maintain a qualified Army Flying Duty Medical Exam (2F). All Army applicants desiring consideration for Aerospace Medicine training are required to interview with the Aerospace Medicine Consultant.

- **Dermatology** - General Medical Officers who have successfully completed a PGY1 year in a specialty other than Dermatology will continue to be competitive and, if selected, will be required to complete 36 months of Dermatology training. Any questions in this regard should be directed to the Dermatology consultant or the specific training program director.

- **Emergency Medicine** - General Medical Officers who have successfully completed a PGY1 year in other than emergency medicine will continue to be competitive and if selected will be required to complete 36 months of emergency medicine. Any questions in this regard must be directed to the emergency medicine consultant or the specific training program director.

- **Pathology** - The Army offers 4 years of training in pathology starting at either the First Year of Graduate Medical Education (PGY1) or PGY2. Medical students who have a specialty goal of pathology may apply for PGY1 in pathology and will meet board eligibility after completion of 4 years in training. Army active duty officers who are currently in PGY1 or who have completed a clinical PGY1 year are eligible for application at the PGY2 level and must indicate 4 years as their program length (block #14) on the DoD application. Any questions concerning these requirements may be directed to the Army pathology consultant.

- **Preventive Medicine/Occupational Medicine** –

a. Preventive Medicine (PM) and Occupational Medicine (OM) are independent, two-year training programs, available to applicants who have completed an ACGME accredited clinical first post-graduate medical education PGY1 year of training. Applicants should indicate their training choice as either “Preventive Medicine” or “Occupational Medicine” in block # 12 of the application. Those applying for PM must indicate their preference site as either Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) or Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC) in block #23 of the application. Those applying for OM must indicate either Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) or MAMC in block # 23 of the application. NOTE: Applicants for PM or OM must provide two additional items supporting their application for training: 1) MCAT and/or GRE Scores, and 2) Undergraduate Transcripts. Individuals who have a Master of Public Health (MPH) or equivalent degree may apply for training, but training length remains 2 years. Applicants who are accepted with a prior MPH may still be required to complete additional graduate-level coursework to satisfy residency requirements.

b. Individuals selected for PM or OM training at MAMC will be required to complete their MPH coursework at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington (tuition at in-State rate). Individuals selected for PM training at WRAIR will complete their MPH coursework at USUHS in Bethesda, Maryland. Individuals applying for OM training at USUHS will complete their MPH coursework at USUHS. The applicant must submit an official acceptance letter from the designated institution prior to beginning training. Applicants who are not accepted to the designated MPH program will have their selection for GME training rescinded.

c. Individuals who have already completed training in PM or OM may apply for an additional 1-year of training in the other specialty area. These individuals will be selected on a space-available basis. Applicants must complete a utilization tour before applying for further training. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Director, Army GME. This training will allow those who complete it to be eligible for board certification in the other specialty area through the complementary pathway. Those who complete the training will receive a 1-year certificate of attendance, but will not receive a residency completion certificate.

b. **FELLOWSHIPS** –2015 Programs with specific requirements:

- **Adolescent Medicine** - Adolescent Medicine is a conjoint specialty. Applicants must be board certified in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine or Pediatrics.

- **Critical Care Medicine** – Applicants must be board certified in Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Neurology or Family Medicine.

- **Trauma/Critical Care Surgery** – Applicants must be board certified in General Surgery, Neurosurgery, Urology or OB-GYN. Applicants are encouraged to contact the program director at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

- **Dermatopathology** – Applicants should understand that for the purpose of GME applications, the specialty of dermatopathology fellowship training is a conjoint specialty. Applicants for this one year civilian sponsored program must be board certified in Dermatology or Pathology. Applicants who desire consideration for this fellowship should contact their respective consultants. Applicants are required to interview with the consultant of their respective specialty.

-**Family Medicine OB**- Open to only Family Medicine physicians.

-**GI/Colonoscopy**- Open to only Family Medicine physicians.

-**Sports Medicine**-(NCC-Fort Belvoir), the start date requested (block #13) on the DoD application must indicate 1 August, which is the start date of this fellowship.

- **Nuclear Medicine** - The prerequisite residency training can be in any specialty recognized by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association. The length of fellowship training is contingent on what type of training the applicant has already completed. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Army nuclear medicine consultant.

- **Geriatric Medicine** - Geriatric Medicine is a conjoint specialty. Applicants must be board certified in Family Medicine or Internal Medicine.

- **OB/GYN Fellowships** - Applicants should understand that although there are various subspecialty options for OB-GYN fellowships, the needs of the Army will always be met when considering applicants for subspecialty training. For school year 2014, the OB-GYN consultant encourages applicants to request training in the following subspecialty: Gynecologic Minimally Invasive Surgery at NCC-Walter Reed.

- **Pain Management** – Applicants must be Board Certified in Anesthesiology, Neurology, PM&R or Psychiatry. Questions should be directed to the specialty consultant.

- **Sleep Medicine**- Sleep medicine is considered a conjoint specialty. Any board certified specialist (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Pulmonary, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, or Otolaryngology) who will be eligible to sit for sleep boards after completion of training is eligible to apply.

- **Clinical Pharmacology** - This is a conjoint specialty. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the Clinical Pharmacology Consultant.

- **Clinical Informatics** - This is a conjoint specialty. Interested applicants must be board certified and have a minimum of 2 years of clinical experience after residency/fellowship to be eligible to begin training. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Clinical Informatics Consultant.

- **Clinical Research**-- This two year GME training program will be conducted in association with San Antonio Military Medical Center, the University of Texas (Frederic C. Bartter, General Clinic Research Center) and Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. Interested applicants must be specialty board certified and meet all other GME requirements for selection. This fellowship is degree-producing, resulting in a degree of Master of Science in Clinical Investigation and will prepare MC officers to be Chief, Department of Clinical Investigation. Trainees are expected to complete six integrated courses plus a mentored research program over four semesters. **As part of the GME application process, applicants will be required to submit a pre-proposal detailing the area of clinical research to be completed during the two year fellowship.** The pre-proposal will be scored in addition to the standard documents utilized by the Joint Service GME Selection Board when considering applicants for this program. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the designated program director.

- **Emergency Medical Services** – This EMS fellowship at SAMMC was created to provide Emergency Medicine physicians with the necessary experience in operations, training, research and administration to contribute to EMS systems in a variety of settings, particularly in the pre-hospital combat environment. Applicants will rotate through Army and civilian EMS systems as well as be required to maintain active clinical

practice at SAMMC including shifts in the Department of Emergency Medicine. The fellow will also be expected to serve as the assistant medical director of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis Fire Department(s). This fellowship is currently open to all US Army Emergency Medicine residency-trained Medical Corps officers (O-3 to O-6).

- **Emergency Medicine Ultrasound** – A 1 year Emergency Medicine Ultrasound (EMU) Fellowship. This EMU fellowship was created to provide emergency physicians with the necessary experience in clinical ultrasound use. Any questions concerning this fellowship should be addressed to the Emergency Medicine Consultant.

- **Austere and Wilderness Medicine** – A 1 year Austere and Wilderness Medicine (AWM) Fellowship. The AWM Fellowship was created to provide Emergency Medicine physicians with training in altitude illness, heat illness, hypothermia and frostbite. There will be emphasis on the military unique aspects of provision of austere care to include, provision of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), Extended Tactical Field Care and provision of Casualty Evacuation Care over a prolonged distance or with limited assets over prolonged time and space. Upon completion, the majority of fellows will be expected to go to operational positions such as Group or Brigade Surgeon positions where the expertise gained can be utilized to its maximum. Primary care (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics) are also eligible to apply.

#### **17. ADVANCE ARMY SPONSORED CIVILIAN TRAINING FOR FELLOWSHIPS (ARMY ACTIVE DUTY MC OFFICERS ONLY):**

a. Selections for many Army sponsored civilian fellowship training (remaining on active duty and receiving full pay and allowances) are made 18 months in advance of the start date of training. Thus, the 2014 JSGMESB will consider fellowship applicants in the following specialties for a start date of 2016:

- **ANESTHESIA** (Critical Care Medicine)
- **DERMATOLOGY** ( Dermatopathology, Immunodermatology)
- **CARDIOLOGY** (Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging, Electrophysiology, Interventional Cardiology)
- **GENERAL SURGERY** (Colon/Rectal Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Trauma/Critical Care Surgery);
- **PLASTIC SURGERY**
- **THORACIC SURGERY**
- **OB-GYN** (GYN Oncology, Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Endocrinology)
- **OPHTHALMOLOGY** (Oculoplastic/Orbital Surgery, Pediatric Ophthalmology, Retinal Surgery)
- **ORTHOPAEDICS** (Children’s Orthopaedics, Foot and Ankle Surgery, Shoulder Surgery, Spine Surgery, Total Joint/Reconstructive Surgery)
- **OTOLARYNGOLOGY** (Facial Plastic/Reconstructive Surgery, Neurotology, Pediatric Otolaryngology)
- **PATHOLOGY** (Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine, Dermatopathology, GYN Pathology)
- **RADIOLOGY** (Musculoskeletal Imaging, Neuroradiology, Pediatric Radiology, Vascular/Interventional Radiology)
- **UROLOGY** (Female Urology, Pediatric Urology)
- **VASCULAR SURGERY**

b. Eligible applicants must indicate July 2016 as the begin date on their application. Selection is limited to those subspecialties listed in this announcement and shown on the website training location grid. Applicants should understand that the needs of the Army will be the determining factor when selections are made by the JSGMESB for Army sponsored civilian fellowship training.

c. Applicants desiring consideration for Army sponsored civilian fellowships are not required to obtain prior acceptance to a civilian program prior to submitting their Army application. However, if such an acceptance has been received, it is required that a copy of the acceptance letter be included with the GME application packet. Without selection by the JSGMESB, no applicant can commit to any civilian sponsored training. Those who are selected for civilian sponsored training please note: Medical Training Agreements can only be established between the Army and a training institution; they cannot be established with individual physicians, private practices or any private entity. Therefore, acceptance must be from a training institution.

d. Applicants must understand that every effort should be made to ensure acceptance to a program accredited by the ACGME, if such accreditation exists in their specialty choice. If acceptance to a non-accredited program is received, the applicant must coordinate with their specialty consultant and obtain concurrence prior to submitting the acceptance letter to the DHHQ GME office at OTSG;

e. Applicants are encouraged to contact their specialty consultant in regards to the Army's need for a specific subspecialty.

**18. ADVANCE IN-HOUSE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS- JULY 2016 (ARMY ACTIVE DUTY MC OFFICERS ONLY):**

a. In addition to Army sponsored civilian fellowship training beginning in July 2016, advance selections will continue to be considered for Army in-house fellowship programs in the following specialties to begin in July 2016:

- **GENERAL SURGERY** (Trauma/Critical Care Medicine)

- **OB-GYN** (Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery, GYN Oncology, Gynecologic Minimally Invasive Surgery, Maternal & Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Endocrinology)

- **ORTHOPAEDICS** (Hand Surgery, Feagin Sports Medicine)

- **VASCULAR SURGERY**

b. Applicants who desire training in these specialties for 2016 must meet all eligibility criteria and must submit their application for consideration at the 2014 JSGMESB. Applicants must clearly indicate their desired start date of training on the application. Applications will not be accepted for in-house fellowship training to begin in 2016 for any specialty other than those listed in 18a above.

**19. PHYSICIAN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ARMY ACTIVE DUTY MC OFFICERS ONLY):**

a. MC officers are encouraged to consider application to the US Army Baylor University Graduate Program in Health Care Administration. This program consists of a 54-week didactic course of instruction at the USAMEDDC&S, Fort Sam Houston, TX, followed by a 12-month administrative residency in an Army Medical Treatment Facility. The program is recognized by both military and civilian authorities to be a leader in progressive health care administrative education. It is designed to develop officers for assignment to positions requiring advanced knowledge of health care systems in both fixed and field facilities. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the office of the Director of the Army-Baylor Graduate Program. Applicants are required to apply to the Army Selection Board in the same manner as for any other GME program as well as a separate application to Baylor through the AMEDDC&S.

b. Obligation incurred for participation in these long term graduate education programs will be in accordance with applicable Army Regulation and DoD Directives/Instructions in effect at the time of entry into training.

**20. MASTERS IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION (MHPE) (ARMY ACTIVE DUTY MC OFFICERS ONLY):** MC officers are encouraged to apply to the USU MHPE program. Board certified physicians in any specialty interested in academic leadership positions are eligible.

21. **LONG-TERM CIVILIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS:** The JSGMESB serves as the selection board for all other MC long-term civilian schooling resulting in the awarding of degrees such as Epidemiology (PM/OM only). The application process is identical to that for GME as outlined in this message. The JSGMESB is not the selection venue for distance learning options such as MBA.

22. **SCREENING OF PERSONNEL RECORDS PRIOR TO BOARD (ARMY ACTIVE DUTY MC OFFICERS ONLY):** Personnel records for all applicants will be screened prior to the JSGMESB to identify those containing adverse actions that would affect promotion or ability to remain on active duty. These issues may not preclude an individual from applying; however, selection may be contingent upon results of promotion boards. The screening process will also be used to identify those individuals who have not yet completed appropriate military courses (i.e., BOLC and Captain's Career Course) and may be required to do so prior to beginning GME.

23. **JOINT SERVICE GME SELECTION BOARD:**

a. A Joint Service GME Selection Board (JSGMESB) convened under the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Surgeons General of the Army, Air Force and Navy will be held during the period 2-5 December 2014 in Falls Church, VA. The mission of the board will be to select physicians for GME training beginning in July 2015 and designated positions to begin in July 2016;

b. All Army GME selections, with the exception of PGY1 and Service unique programs, will be conducted jointly. The Service's specialty panel members will score and rank all Service applicants for a specific specialty. Placement should be made based on candidate preference and program director preference in compliance with ACGME mandates. Final placement decisions are subject to Army assignment policies and training requirements according to the needs of the Army.

24. **SCORING APPLICANTS:** Selection of trainees will be conducted using a score sheet developed in collaboration with the Navy and Air Force GME offices. Scoring will be done by program directors from those programs that are selecting applicants. In the case where the Service does not have a program in that specialty, the specialty consultant/leader for that service will be a scoring member. The scoring method credits prior service and utilization tours, if applicable, academic achievements in medical school and residency training as well as potential for military medical service in the desired specialty role. Thus, all elements deemed relevant to an applicant's success as an Army Medical Corps officer, such as military experience, contributions to the AMEDD through utilization tours, academic achievements, and performance in training and clinical roles and potential for continued service will be considered in the selection decision. Each application will be scored by a single individual from each Service. The three scores will be combined to give a composite score which will be used to generate an order of merit list for selection in that specialty. In most cases, two of the three scorers will have no personal knowledge of the applicant, reinforcing the concept that the score will be based only upon information in the application. Any information not documented in the application packet cannot be used for the purposes of scoring.

25. **ACTIVE DUTY OBLIGATION (ADO).** All selected applicants must sign a training agreement before GME participation is authorized. The training agreement sets forth the ADO. Current Department of Defense guidance requires a military service obligation for training sponsored by the government. Notwithstanding any provision that may appear in Army regulations, under the current Department of Defense Instructions governing military service obligations, a GME participant will incur an ADO under the terms of the training agreement. The final separation date and any ADO incurred for GME will be as determined by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command. The ADO for participation in GME is as indicated below.

a. The ADO will be one-half year for each one-half year of training or portion thereof, but the minimum ADO shall not be less than two (2) years. If performing GME in a military facility, this ADO can be repaid concurrently with any other military service obligation that may already have been incurred, except any additional GME ADO. A GME ADO must be added to and it cannot be repaid concurrently with another GME ADO.

b. If performing Army sponsored partially-funded or fully-funded training in a civilian facility, the ADO referred to in paragraph 26a above is in addition to any other ADO and it cannot be repaid concurrently with other ADOs incurred as a result of government-funded education and training.

c. No portion of an existing GME ADO may be satisfied during participation in any GME program.

26. **POINTS OF CONTACT (POC):**

- a. Any difficulties associated with entering the website or obtaining approval of a logon or password should be directed to the website help desk at toll free (888) 849-4341 or (703) 681-4976
- b. Any application questions/processing concerns should be directed to 703-681-8042.
- c.. OTSG GME Office mailing address: OTSG, DHHQ, GME Division, DASG-PSZ-M, 7700 Arlington Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Falls Church, VA, 22042-5145.