

Department of Surgery Selection Policy

All application information should be submitted to the Department of Surgery through the Electronic Residency Application System (ERAS):

<https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/>. All eligible applications are accepted. The application deadline for the academic year 2015 – 2016 is November 13, 2015.

In addition to the University of Tennessee Graduate Medical Education (UT GME) Selection Policy #110 (<http://www.uthsc.edu/GME/policies/ResidentSelection.pdf>), applicants must meet the following criteria:

Visa Status – Visa status for international Medical Graduates must fall within the following categories:

- Eligible to seek J-1 Visa
- Permanent resident or Alien status (i.e. “Green Card”)
- In accordance with UT GME guidelines, this program does not sponsor residents for “H” type visas.

Interviews are required for consideration. Invitations will be sent beginning in September and interviews will be held on Wednesdays, early November through mid-January. Applicants are selected for interviews based on:

- Medical school transcript
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- USMLE or COMLEX scores

Note: To ensure that all residents/fellows meet minimal standards, the Graduate Medical Education Program requires that all residents/fellows entering any Memphis-based graduate medical education program sponsored by the University of Tennessee College of Medicine on or after July 1, 2009 must have passed USMLE Steps 1 and 2 (CK and CS) or equivalent examinations (COMLEX-USA or MCCQE).

Any Agreement of Appointment or offer letter will be contingent upon passing Steps 1 and 2 (or equivalent exams). Each resident/fellow is responsible for providing copies of passage of Steps 1 and 2 (CK and CS) or equivalent examinations to the program director and GME Office and will not be allowed to start training until this documentation is submitted. A valid ECFMG certificate will be accepted as proof for international medical school graduates.

Accepted or matched residents and fellows who have not passed Steps 1 and 2 (or equivalent examinations) by July 1 will be released from their contract.

- US Clinical Experience (USCE) is not required; however, it is encouraged.

Applicants are selected for residency based on the above criteria and on personal interviews.