



Request for Sponsorship Authorization: Gap in Training for Pediatrics Trainees

Many U.S. Pediatrics fellowship programs now begin between July 1 and July 15, rather than on the traditional July 1 start date, resulting in a brief gap between the completion of a residency and entry into fellowship training. This has a direct impact on ECFMG-sponsored Pediatrics trainees since J-1 regulations require full-time participation in a program of graduate medical education (GME). In an effort to address this issue, the U.S. Department of State (DoS) has authorized ECFMG to sponsor J-1 physicians during the period between the programs, provided the following eligibility requirements are met*:

- Submission of a complete application for sponsorship continuation in an ACGME-accredited Pediatrics subspecialty discipline;
- Completion and submission of this form in PDF format to the applicant’s pending (fellowship) application record; and
- The gap between residency and fellowship is less than 30 days.

Applicant Information

FULL NAME: _____

USMLE/ECFMG #: _____

SEVIS ID: _____

FELLOWSHIP
HOST INSTITUTION: _____

SUBSPECIALTY DISCIPLINE: _____

PROPOSED DATES OF GAP: _____

Certification Statement

As a J-1 physician sponsored by ECFMG, I confirm the following:

1. I understand that the time between programs is to be used to transition from one program to the next and carries no work or training authorization; any work or training pursued during the period identified above will be deemed to be a violation of my J-1 status.
2. As required in 22CFR§62, I and any/all accompanying J-2 dependents will maintain required levels of health insurance during the gap period identified above and any additional time until coverage is available through the new training program/institution.

J-1 PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

**Additional documentation may be requested upon review of sponsorship application and this form.*

SCAN AND UPLOAD THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE J-1 PHYSICIAN’S PENDING APPLICATION RECORD VIA EVNET (TPL) OR OASIS (J-1 PHYSICIAN)