

International Mini-Fellowship

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Background and Enrollment:

All residents in the International Mini-Fellowship (IMF) will apply to the director of the program at the beginning of the PGY2 year. The fellowship will begin at the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year and will enroll residents every year (if there are interested residents). The international mini-fellowship will be open to all residents and there is no limit on the number of fellows per year.

IMF Portfolios:

All residents in the IMF will maintain a portfolio to collect their projects, lectures, publications, and evaluations. The portfolio will be kept by the resident and will be presented every 6 months to the Director of the IMF at semi-annual evaluations. Residents will also be asked to share their portfolio with the other members of the IMF yearly at a group meeting.

The IMF Portfolio will contain any material that the resident feels is demonstrative of education and/or experience in international medicine, public health, or grantseeking.

This will include but is not limited to:

- Grants written
- Proposals written
- Experiences/projects abroad
- Lectures given to residents/students/other learners
- Courses/workshops taken
- Courses/workshops led
- Mentoring sessions
- Evaluations by learners and preceptors of all of the above activities

Residents will write a reflective statement based on their portfolio contents prior to every 6 month meeting with the IMF director. This is a critical aspect of the IMF and should identify advances in the past 6 months and areas for future growth. Each reflective statement will be incorporated into the resident's portfolio.

Topics to be covered

- International medicine
 - Humanitarian assistance – short- and long-term
 - Medical missions

- Policy
- Systems development
- Education
- “Medical colonialism” and “medical tourism”
- International emergency medicine
 - All of the above (see intl medicine)
 - Development of EM as a specialty
 - Prehospital systems development
 - Emergency systems development
- Public health and emergency medicine
 - Point of contact with health system
 - Patient education
 - Community awareness/education
 - Disease prevention
 - Violence prevention
 - Disaster preparedness and response
- Fundraising
 - Funding sources
 - Resources for grant seeking
 - How to approach a funder
 - Budget writing
 - Grant writing
- International Project Development
 - Creating/developing an idea
 - Needs assessment
 - Identifying stakeholders
 - Identifying funding source
 - Project planning
 - Proposal writing

Planned activities

PGY2 level

- Attend 2-3 Foundation Center workshops
- Attend 1 outside public health/international medicine/nonprofit activity
- Attend IMF lecture series
- Meetings with IMF-project leader
 - Evaluation of mentor
- Meetings with PGY4 mentor
 - Evaluation of mentor
- Reading assignments
- Will lead one journal club/small group discussion session
- Join an active international project and participate/contribute in project development
- IMF yearly evaluation

- 6-month reflective statement and IMF Director evaluation meeting (twice yearly)
- Portfolio review

PGY3 level

- Attend 1 outside public health/international medicine/nonprofit activity
- Attend IMF lecture series
- Meetings with IMF-project leader
 - Evaluation of mentor
- Reading assignments
- Will lead one journal club/small group discussion session
- Develop a project idea
 - Write a proposal
 - Search for funding
 - Apply for funding through chosen mechanism (PGY3 and/or 4)
 - Intervention/implementation timeline
- Plan international elective(s) for PGY4/5
 - Choose location/program
 - Delineate elective objectives
 - Funding for room, board, travel
- IMF yearly evaluation
- 6-month reflective statement and IMF Director evaluation meeting (twice yearly)
- Portfolio review

PGY4/5 level

- Attend IMF lecture series
- Mentor PGY2 IMF resident
- Mentor visiting international observer residents and/or students
- Meetings with IMF-project leader
 - Evaluation of mentor
- Reading assignments
- Give 1 lecture on international medicine/public health topic in resident conference
- Continue project
 - Apply for funding
 - Intervention/implementation of project
- International elective(s)
 - Turn in elective completion report (explaining how elective objectives were met)
- IMF yearly evaluation
- Twice yearly (6-month) reflective statement and IMF Director evaluation meeting
- Portfolio review