

VISAS

Prospective ACGME residents and fellows who are graduates of foreign medical schools and who are not permanent U.S. residents must be willing to work on a J-1 visa and must maintain their J-1 visa status while training at UT. No exceptions will be made except under extraordinary circumstances. Fellows in non-ACGME or non-standard programs may accept H-1B visas with approval from their Chair and completion of the Outside Match Policy form.

All requests for exceptions must be submitted by e-mail to the Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education and should include the program director's clear explanation why an exception to the policy should be made. Before submitting the request, programs are advised to closely review the immigration regulations applicable to H-1B visas that are delineated on the UT Health Science Center's Office of International Affairs website: <http://www.uthsc.edu/international/regulations.php>.

Programs **must** obtain written approval from the Associate Dean prior to ranking or offering a position to any individual requiring a visa other than a J-1. Decisions regarding exceptions will be processed expeditiously by the Graduate Medical Education office.

Residents on an H-1B visa who are currently training in an ACGME-accredited program at UT may continue their subspecialty training in an existing ACGME-accredited program at UT without seeking approval from the GME office. If an exception is granted for an H-1B visa, the department must pay all applicable fees. The resident/fellow may not pay the fees and GME Support Funds may not be used.