

Dear Prospective Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our fellowship program in nephrology at the University of Michigan.

You will find a wealth of information about the program at our website:

<http://www.med.umich.edu/intmed/nephrology/>

or

<http://www.umkidney.org>

We hope that you will find the answers to most of your questions about our program at this site.

We are proud of our program. We believe that because of the large size and diverse interests of our talented faculty, and because of the outstanding strengths of the University of Michigan Health System, we provide one of the premier training experiences in nephrology in the United States.

As you will encounter at our website, our training program has the capacity to provide outstanding training in all aspects of clinical nephrology. We have a large solid organ transplant program that performs over 300 kidney allograft transplants per year and we have an independent transplant fellowship that some of our fellows choose to undertake in a third year of training. We also have a well developed interventional nephrology unit. This unit has a well trained staff and discreet facilities with its own fluoroscopic equipment and the ability to perform advanced procedures that include angioplasty procedures, tunneled catheter placement and removal, and peritoneal dialysis placements.

While we are anxious to train -- and do routinely train -- outstanding clinicians, the U of M program is particularly interested in training future academic nephrologists. As described at our website, we have a long, successful history of training fellows particularly in the basic sciences, epidemiology and outcomes research, and in clinical trial design. For many years, we have been designated a NIH sponsored George O'Brien Renal Center for kidney research and have run an NIH sponsored institutional training program. We believe strongly in using the diverse strengths of the University and encourage our trainees to obtain formal training outside of the Division of Nephrology if this serves their training goals. Finally, we recognize that many fellow applicants may not have well defined interests at the time that they apply for their nephrology training, particularly because this application process begins nearly 2 years before matriculation. For that reason, the program is flexible, allowing fellows without pre-determined research interests during their first year of training to learn about opportunities and themselves, before making a decision about an academic career or before making a decision about what direction that career track might take.

Like most nephrology programs in the United States this year, we will be participating in the ERAS electronic nephrology fellowship program application process and the NRMP fellowship match program. Applications and supporting data can be submitted after August 1, 2009 for positions beginning July 1, 2011. These applications will first be available to us and to all other nephrology programs for evaluation on December 1, 2009. We anticipate making offers for interviews to outstanding candidates shortly thereafter; interview invitations will continue during the winter and early spring of 2010. Following your interview, we ask that you register with the NRMP match program and using instructions provided by us at your interview, submit your program rank order list.

The University of Michigan and its Division of Nephrology is an equal opportunity employer and makes every effort to train individuals from diverse backgrounds. We accept applications from those holding a Permanent Resident or J-1 visa. However, we do not sponsor H1-B visas.

Please go to the ERAS website for detailed instructions on the application process:

<http://www.aamc.org/students/erasfellow/start.htm>

Once again, thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application.

Best Wishes,

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