

University of Missouri

Department of Radiology

FAQ's

How does the integrated residency work?

The diagnostic radiology program is a five-year integrated residency which includes a clinical year "integrated" throughout the five years of the program.

Do I need to apply for a transitional year?

No, you do not. We have a five-year integrated residency program which includes the required clinical time.

Do you have a minimum score requirement?

No, we do not. However, the scores are considered as part of the selection process.

Do you accept international graduates into your program?

We consider all applications submitted to us; however, due to the competition for radiology residency positions, we have not interviewed IMG's for the past three years.

Do you consider applications from D.O.'s?

We will consider D.O. applications; however, since our program does not provide a traditional clinical year, D.O.'s completing our residency program are not eligible to sit for the D.O. boards.

How many residency positions are available?

Currently, four residency positions are available each year. Approximately 300 applications are received each year, 50 to 80 candidates are invited to interview. Applications are accepted only through ERAS, Usually, only PGY1 candidates are considered. International medical school graduates are considered if circumstances allow, but the program does not sponsor visas. The deadline for application is November 1. Interviews begin in early December and run through mid-January

What is a typical day like?

Residents attend morning conferences from 7:15am to 8:00am, then begin the workday. Noon conferences are held daily, some in conjunction with other

departments such as pulmonary medicine. Most residents finish the day around 5:00pm, depending on the rotation.

What is the night float and call system?

Night float consists of two-week rotations in which a junior and senior resident cover night duties on Sunday through Thursday nights. Evening call is from 5pm to 8pm and is covered by junior residents. Weekend call consists of Friday and Saturday nights, and Saturday and Sunday days, and is scheduled on a rotating basis. A separate holiday call schedule allows residents to divide up holiday call based on prioritized requests.

Are there moonlighting opportunities for residents?

Many residents choose to supplement their income and gain experience by working independently at outside facilities in Missouri. Several moonlighting opportunities are available for upper level residents.

What is the volume of radiological studies performed at the University of Missouri Health Care?

Approximately 120,000 radiological studies are performed each year. The radiology department is equipped with three multi-detector CT scanners, three MRI units (including a 3-Tesla magnet), a PET scanner, two digital fluoroscopy systems, and a dedicated angiography suite. The department is also completely PACS-equipped.

What facilities participate in resident training?

The primary clinical institution is University of Missouri Health Care, but residents also rotate through Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, Columbia Regional Hospital and Harry S. Truman Memorial Veteran's Hospital. The emphasis in all of our teaching services is to provide a one-to-one, hands-on educational experience and maintain a faculty-to-resident ratio of approximately one to one.

What is the cost of living in Columbia?

Columbia consistently ranks below the national average for the cost of living. Columbia also enjoys an abundance of affordable housing in safe, friendly neighborhoods. The average two-bedroom apartment rents for approximately \$500 to \$600. Many residents are able to buy a home in Columbia. Additional information is available at
Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Are funds available for educational needs?

Each resident is allotted a \$1000 educational fund for each of the five years of their participation in the program to be used for books, journals, and meeting expenses. In addition, the department provides the Brant and Helms radiology text to each PGY1 resident.