

## **UIC Department of Radiology Residency Application FAQs**

**Question:** Being an IMG, am I eligible to apply to your program? If so, what are the eligibility requirements?

**Answer:** At the time of application, a candidate must be eligible to practice medicine in the state of Illinois.

**Question:** Does your program require Transitional Year clinical experience or Preliminary Year clinical experience?

**Answer:** Yes, our program requires a year of Transitional or Preliminary clinical experience.

**Question:** Is it mandatory to have US Clinical Experience or research experience other than Transitional (PGY-1) year clinical experience?

**Answer:** Although highly desired, US clinical experience is not required.

**Question:** How many first year positions are available in your program?

**Answer:** There are 7 PGY-2 positions available.

**Question:** Is it Community or University Program?

**Answer:** This is a University program.

**Question:** Do you need any other documents other than ERAS package which includes ERAS Application, Personal Statement, Medical School Transcript, USMLE Transcripts, 3 LORs, MSPE, Photo, ECFMG Certification?

**Answer:** You need to be registered for the NRMP Match.

**Question:** Do you sponsor VISA? (J1 / H1 or BOTH)

**Answer:** The University of Illinois sponsors both a J1 and H1 visa.

**Question:** What is the average USMLE Step 1 score for matched applicants for your program?

**Answer:** The average USMLE Step 1 score for our current first year residents is 240.

**Question:** Do you have any cutoff limit for USMLE Step 1 score?

**Answer:** It is highly unlikely for candidates with scores less than 220 on their USMLE to be invited for an interview.

**Question:** Do you have any cutoff limit for USMLE attempts?

**Answer:** Board failure is unfavorable.

**Question:** Do you have cutoff limit for years since graduation?

**Answer:** No, but an explanation of how time was utilized is expected to be included in the personal statement.

**Question:** Are there or previously were there any international medical graduates in this program?

**Answer:** We currently have one international medical graduate and have had them in the past. Although, none were on visas.

**Question:** Does the Radiology program accept Caribbean school graduates?

**Answer:** We have accepted graduates in the past.

**Question:** Do I have to apply separately for a Transitional Year / Preliminary Year program if I apply to the Radiology program?

**Answer:** Yes, you have to apply separately for your Transitional/Preliminary Year program.

**Question:** Are the Radiology applications open for PGY-2 July 2012?

**Answer:** Yes, the applications are open for positions beginning in July 2012.

**Question:** How many letters of recommendation do you request?

**Answer:** One dean's letter and three personal letters of recommendation.

**Question:** Is UIC accepting applications for the DIRECT pathway program this year?

**Answer:** We do not currently have a Direct pathway program.

**Question:** What is the dead line for ERAS application?

**Answer:** There is no hard dead line, but almost all interviews are offered when the Dean's letters are available for review (November 1<sup>st</sup>)