

# RESIDENT HANDBOOK

## SECTION VII: GME OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

### VISA AND ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENTS

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#### ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENTS

- I. Federal law obliges the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV to verify the identification and work eligibility of all residents and fellows prior to allowing them to participate in residency or fellowship training programs. This verification is performed by the school of medicine's office of human resources.
- II. New residents will not be eligible for stipend, nor be allowed to participate in the residency in any capacity, prior to supplying appropriate documentation verifying their eligibility.
- III. It is the responsibility of the resident to obtain and maintain a visa allowing participation in a residency-training program.
- IV. If at any time within the term of the agreement the resident ceases to maintain appropriate work authorization, the agreement may be terminated. Residents without a valid visa cannot participate in clinical activities (including observation) but may participate in research at the discretion of the program director.
- V. Residency program personnel will not discriminate against an applicant on the basis of national origin or citizenship.
- VI. Limitations imposed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service shall govern visa-sponsored international foreign graduates' participation in moonlighting activities. It is the trainees' responsibility to understand and comply fully with any such limitations.

#### VISA SPONSORSHIP AT THE KIRK KERKORIAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Visas will be accepted as listed below:

- I. Individuals eligible for J-1 visas - The J-1 Exchange-Visitor visa, is intended for educational purposes. The holder of a J-1 visa is required to return to his/her home country following completion of the residency training program. The Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) will support J-1 Visa applications for residents and fellows through sponsorship by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). Institutional costs are the responsibility of the clinical department. Residents are responsible for the costs associated with obtaining J-1 visas.

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