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Dear Prospective Residents and Fellows,

Thank you for your interest in the University of Washington!

We are proud to train over 1500 residents and fellows participating in over 120 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited, 4 Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited dental programs, and over 80 non-ACGME accredited training programs across 300 training sites throughout the 5-state Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) region. We value our trainees' service and believe we provide some of the best clinical training in the world.

As the Designated Institutional Official for the University of Washington School of Medicine, it is my job to ensure that our programs have the resources they need to support their curricula, faculty to create an excellent clinical learning environment, and trainees who are integrated into the quality and safety efforts of our hospitals and clinics. I am extremely proud of our training programs and the talented residents and fellows we attract to the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

The [Prospective Residents & Fellows page](#) on the GME website provides answers to many of your questions. This page includes videos showcasing our learning environment: our training programs, affiliated hospitals, and the region.

Most of our residents and fellows in ACGME and CODA-accredited programs are represented by the Resident & Fellow Physician Union-Northwest (RFPU-NW). The third collective bargaining agreement between the University of Washington and the RFPU-NW was ratified in July 2022 and is effective through the end of June 2025. This contract provides RFPU-NW members with a 3% salary increase each year, an allowance for additional expenses like housing, a professional development fund, license reimbursement, and other financial benefits. The [Compensation Schedule](#) can be found on our website and the full contract will be posted to the UW Labor Relations [website](#) once available.

Additionally, the University offers supplementary benefits to residents and fellows, including:

- Eligibility to contribute in the [UW Retirement Program](#)
- [WholeU](#) benefits program
- [UW CareLink](#) employee assistance program
- [UW GME Wellness Service](#)
- Various events, seminars, and professional development opportunities

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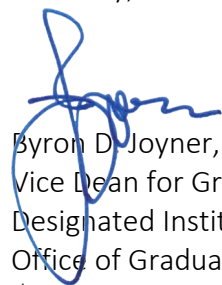
- Excellent trainee-run organizations: [Network of Underrepresented Residents and Fellows](#) (NURF) and [Housestaff Quality & Safety Committee](#) (HQSC)

Appointments for residents and fellows in ACGME and CODA-accredited programs are governed by the [Residency and Fellowship Position Appointment \(RFPA\) Agreement](#).

Feel free to reach out to any of our trainees, program directors, and program administrators who are happy to answer your questions. We want you to have all the information you need as you make this important decision about your future training.

Best of luck during this exciting phase in your career!

Sincerely,



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