

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. When do you start your residency/fellowship Program?

The new academic year begins in mid-June.

2. How can I apply for the choices in the application?

Applicants have the choice to apply to 2 residency training programs provided that they rank their choices. The ranking will be used in the matching process where the priority is for the first choice that will override the second choice (i.e. if an applicant is accepted in both choices, he/she will be automatically accepted in the 1st choice and dropped from the 2nd choice acceptance list).

3. Can I change the application choices?

The GME office will not be able to apply any changes in the application choices done after the submission of the online application.

4. Are there any tuition fees?

No tuition fees, residents/fellows get a monthly stipend paid. For further details about the residents financial support & Benefits please [click here](#) to access the link.

5. How much are the application and exam fees?

Application fees: 100 USD

IFOM CSE: 140 USD “for residency applicants”

IFOM BSE: 140 USD “for residency applicants”

IFOM Clinical Specialty: 50 USD “for fellowship applicants”

6. How can we pay the application and exam fees?

Application fees (\$100) to be paid by credit card at the end of the online application.

Applicants during filling the online application select the option to register for the IFOM exam(s) at AUB during the month of December, should present in person to the GME Office to register for the exam(s) after submission of the online application within the application online period during the month of November.

Payment for the Exams is in Cash or via Credit Card. Check payments are not accepted.

7. Is the English Proficiency Examination required from non-AUB graduates before the selection or can the applicant provide the score after acceptance?

Applicants have till the 10th of January to submit the English Proficiency Score (TOEFL or IELTS) or any pending required score or document.

Failure to submit any required admission exam score or document by the deadline (January 10th) will deem the application incomplete and it will not be considered in the selection process.

For further details and in reference to conditions of exemption, kindly refer to <http://www.aub.edu.lb/fm/gme/Pages/Admission2residency.aspx>

8. Can I register for the IFOM exams outside the AUB?

Applicants applying to our residency programs can sit for the IFOM exams in any prometric academic center as long as their scores are submitted to the GME office by January 10th.

9. Do the USMLE step II CK and USMLE step II CS replaces the English language proficiency exams?

The USMLE Step II CK and USMLE step II CS do not replace the IELTS or TOEFL Exams.

10. Do I need to be an Arabic speaker to apply?

The language of instruction, examination, and clinical activities at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center is English. Some residency programs, however, may require competency in spoken Arabic language due to the nature of the patient population.

11. Do you offer accommodation to your residents/fellows?

No; residents/fellows search and provide their own accommodation.

12. Does the program know my choices ranking priorities?

Programs will be blinded on the applicants' choices. Applicants have the option to apply to 2 residency training programs provided that they rank their choices.

13. What happens if I got accepted in both choices?

The priority is for the first choice that will override the second choice. This means if an applicant is accepted in both choices, he/she will be automatically accepted in the 1st choice and dropped from the 2nd choice acceptance list.

14. Should the required documents be authenticated by my Embassy?

Required documents like Medical School diploma & transcript of records should be authenticated/certified by the applicants' medical school only. Required certified documents should only be uploaded while filling the GME online application. Documents should be presented to the GME office only if asked by the GME Office staff.

15. My application is complete but I was not called for an interview.

Not all applicants who submit a complete application will be granted an interview. The GME office will forward all eligible complete applications to the programs. Based on the programs' review, competitive candidates are invited for an interview. Each program follows its own interview and selection process.

16. Can I ask for a teleconference/Skype interview if I am out of Lebanon?

Interviews for overseas applicants may be conducted by teleconference or videoconference; local candidates will typically be invited for a personal interview.

17. Are AUB residents/fellows eligible to work in his/her specialty?

Graduates are fully licensed trained specialists. The license to practice medicine is subject to the local or regional authorities and regulations.