

# RESIDENCY PROGRAM

## APPLICANT FAQs

**Q:** Where are you located?

**A:** We are located in the Inland Empire of Southern California, at the intersection of the I-10 and I-215, halfway between Los Angeles and Palm Springs, CA. Our location makes it an ideal springboard for various Southern California attractions and activities. [Click here](#) for more information about the area.

**Q:** Do you take only LLU students into the program?

**A:** No. While it is somewhat common to all programs that their own medical school is more heavily represented, in fact, most of the residents in our program are not from Loma Linda. In the 2018 Match, our categorical program matched 2 students from LLU and 12 from other schools.

**Q:** How many applications do you receive per season?

**A:** We receive over 500 application each year.

**Q:** How many applicants do you interview?

**A:** Between 160-180

**Q:** Do you offer web-based interviews?

**A:** Yes, we offer 45 interviews via FaceTime or Skype each year.

**Q:** Do you offer advanced (CA-1) positions?

**A:** No, we are a fully categorical program.

**Q:** What is the application deadline?

**A:** October 1st

**Q:** Do you accept COMLEX scores?

**A:** No, we require USMLE scores.

**Q:** Do you require Step 2 CS score by the time of application?

**A:** No, but we prefer to have it by early February.

**Q:** Are there opportunities for international rotations?

**A:** Yes, our residents have the opportunity to travel to places such as India, Africa, and Fiji with a member of our faculty or with the Global Health Institute.

**Q:** What is your pass rate for CA-3s on the licensure exam?

**A:** It varies - generally 90-100% in any given year.

**Q:** Do graduates generally go into private practice or academics?

**A:** It varies from year to year, but over the past several years it has been about even.

**Q:** Where can I find information about GME at LLU?

**A:** GME information for prospective residents can be found [here](#).

**Q:** What are the documentation requirements for residency at LLUMC?

**A:** Requirements can be found here.

**Q:** What are the stipend and benefit levels at LLU?

**A:** Benefit information can be found here.

**Q:** Do you sponsor H-1B or J-1 visas?

**A:** LLUMC would sponsor an H-1B visa for applicants who are on the F-1 visa and will graduate from a US medical school. All others must obtain the J-1 visa. For more information, please click here.

**Q:** Do you have Step 1 and Step 2CK cutoff marks?

**A:** No, but we prefer to have it by early February.

**Q:** Do you require a Step 2CK score before offering an interview?

**A:** No official minimum score but would like it to be close to the national average.

**Q:** Does the program require a minimum STEP 1 and STEP 2 score?

**A:** There is not a standardized minimum. We look at all applicants based on their merits.

**Q:** Do you require a complete ECFMG certificate before offering an interview?

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