

APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Stanford/VA Palo Alto Geriatrics fellowship are processed through the **Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)**. ERAS was developed by the Association of American Medical Colleges to transmit residency applications, transcripts, letters of recommendation, Dean's letters/MSPE, and other supporting credentials from you to Program Directors and is located at:

<http://www.aamc.org/audienceeras.htm>

MyERAS is available for you to complete your application, select your programs, and create and assign supporting documents using a secure site. Geriatric Fellowship Programs are listed as **Geriatrics – Family Medicine** and **Geriatrics – Internal Medicine**.

To start your fellowship application, **please contact the ERAS Fellowship Document Office (EFDO)**. The EFDO will give you an “**electronic token**,” that you can use to register and access My ERAS on-line. When you use your electronic token to register and apply to fellowship programs, the EFDO is notified and will begin attaching your supporting documents to an electronic file designated for you. The documents are then transmitted from the **EFDO** to the **ERAS PostOffice** and placed in the electronic “mailboxes” of the fellowship programs to which you have applied.

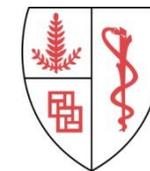
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**FELLOWSHIP IN
GERIATRIC
MEDICINE**



**Stanford
School of Medicine**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The fellowship in geriatric medicine is a joint program between the Stanford University School of Medicine and the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System. The fellowship is designed to prepare you for excellence in clinical care, teaching, and scholarship, as well as to serve as a launching point for your future career path toward a leadership role in geriatric medicine. We provide learning opportunities and instruction in patient care, teaching, scholarship, quality improvement, and medical administration.

PROGRAM COLLABORATION AND RESOURCES

The close affiliation, collaboration, and proximity between the VA Palo Alto Health Care System and Stanford University and its medical school provide for a strong academic and clinical environment rich in opportunities for geriatrics care and research. Both the VA and Stanford have multiple nationally recognized programs in geriatrics with access to a team of experts with broad expertise in research and clinical care.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Fellows must have completed an ACGME or AOA accredited physician residency program in Internal Medicine or Family Medicine. Fellows are expected to meet credentialing and privileging requirements and be license eligible in the state of California. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident, or hold a J1 Visa. Stanford does not sponsor international medical school graduates on H-1B visas. International medical graduates must have required Education

Commission for Foreign Medical Graduate (ECFMG) documentation.

FELLOWSHIP CURRICULUM

Fellows will complete a one year clinical fellowship in a personalized and specially integrated curriculum that allows them to become leaders in geriatric care. Clinical skills in geriatric medicine are gained through:

- Longitudinal primary care geriatrics clinic
- Longitudinal interdisciplinary geriatric evaluation and management (GEM) clinic
- Long term care longitudinal experience and block rotations in both VA and community nursing homes
- Home care visits
- Palliative care – both inpatient and outpatient
- Geriatric psychiatry rotation
- Rehabilitative medicine rotation
- Inpatient Delirium Consult service
- Elective time in specialties of particular relevance to care of older adults – neurology, neuropsychiatric evaluation, sexual dysfunction, rheumatology, urology, wound care, dermatology, PACE program

There are regular seminars, journal clubs, and other didactic sessions dedicated to the acquisition of the basic skills set of future geriatricians. They aim to enhance the fellows' pedagogical skills and skills of scholarship. Development in quality improvement skills is through guided mentoring of an individual QI project. Teaching medical students, residents, and peers is also an integral component of our

fellowship program. Administrative skills are developed through graded responsibilities for clinical and teaching programs, including a community education project. Furthermore, adequate unstructured time is allocated throughout the fellowship. The optimization of this time, which can be tailored to meet your individual education goals, can be coordinated in conjunction with the program director.

SELECTION OF FELLOWS

Fellows are selected and evaluated based on their abilities to develop as leaders who will contribute to the field of geriatric medicine through clinical care, teaching, and scholarship.

The selection process includes:

- 1) A review of application materials submitted through ERAS
- 2) A personal interview to meet with our faculty members and interdisciplinary team members
- 3) Offers made based on a consensus of the fellowship selection committee

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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