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Subject: Program Application Deadlines for Internationally Sponsored Applicants

To: PGYI Program Directors
cc: PGYI Administrators

Dear Colleagues:

The Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) Office has been working with residency programs to standardize the application process for internationally sponsored doctors. The current process includes an online application system – the Sponsored Trainee Application Registry (STAR) – which allows programs to access and review all applications centrally online. We have been consulting with programs to establish one deadline for all direct-entry residency programs and have fashioned a model timeline to help programs ensure that successful applicants are able to arrive 2-3 months prior to July 1st to enroll in the Pre-Entry Assessment Program (PEAP).

There is an agreement with sponsoring agencies that applicants will route their application (with sponsorship approval) to the PGME Office for consideration by the appropriate residency program. Individual applicants may decide on their own, however, to contact University of Toronto faculty directly and bypass the online process. It is in the interest of residency programs to consider applications only through STAR, because STAR will make tracking and evaluating applications easier and STAR will ensure that those applying for admission to residency training truly have the sponsorship approval necessary to support their application.

Sponsoring agencies and international applicants understand that admissions decisions are the responsibility of individual residency training programs and their respective Program Directors, and that these decisions are merit-based. We would like to emphasize the fairness and transparency of the process by asking residency programs to adhere to a firm deadline of **July 10th of each year** for receipt of applications for admission to PGY1 training from these doctors. Programs will have access to the applications shortly after the deadline and will receive a supplementary email from PGME's application coordinator, Jessica Fillion, which will include a list of the applicants and relevant information.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Fillion (Jessica.fillion@utoronto.ca) if you have questions about this introduction of a standard deadline for the PGY1 applications from internationally sponsored doctors.

Sincerely,

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