



Training Program Directors (PACES-TPD) Agreement

Common Offer Notification Date **for EP Fellowship Applicants**

Background:

The application process for pediatric cardiology subspecialty fellowships, such as pediatric electrophysiology (EP), has historically been unorganized and institution dependent due to the fact that subspecialty fellowships are not governed by the ACGME (outside of ACHD). It is difficult for applicants to learn how or when to apply for fellowships given that each EP fellowship training program has their own process and timeline for reviewing applications and offering positions. Those training at an institution without subspecialty fellowships are particularly disadvantaged due to this lack of transparency. As such, the Society for Pediatric Cardiology Training Program Directors (SPCTPD) is calling for improved transparency and standardization of the application process for all pediatric cardiology subspecialty fellowships.

Purpose:

To improve transparency for EP fellowship training applicants and provide fellowship applicants opportunity to interview at multiple training programs on a standardized application timeline/process.

Common Offer Notification Date and Time:

The common offer notification date and time will be around the first week in September preceding to the academic fellowship year being applied for. The exact date and time will be announced in January of that year and posted on the PACES website.

Common Offer Notification Date/Time for EP fellowship positions for 2023-24:

Thursday September 1, 2022 at 6am Pacific Time/9am Eastern Time

Method of Offer Notification:

Offers can be made to applicants by any means determined by institution (ex: by phone, by email, or both)



Agreement Terms:

1. No offer, either unofficial or official, will be made to any EP fellowship applicants prior to the Common Offer Notification Date and Time.
2. The Common Offer Notification Date and Time is not applicable if an institution would like to offer an EP fellowship position to one of their own candidates from within their institution. An offer to an internal candidate can be made at any time.
3. The Common Offer Notification Date and Time is not applicable if an institution would like to offer an EP fellowship position to a candidate with their own funding from an outside source. An offer to a candidate with funding from an outside source can be made at any time.
4. Applicants have 24 hours to accept or decline a fellowship offer. Once an applicant accepts a fellowship offer, the applicant is responsible for immediately declining any other offers received, even if it is prior to 24 hours from receiving the offer.
5. If/When an offer is declined by an applicant, the institution can then extend an offer to another desired applicant who will then have 24 hours to accept or decline the offer.
6. Offers cannot be made to an applicant unless the institution has funding and can guarantee the fellowship position at the time the offer is made.
7. Program directors will notify the Chair of PACES-TPD to confirm that their institution has funding and will be offering an EP fellowship position or if positions have been filled by internal candidates. The status of an institution will be updated on the PACES website as Pending Funding/Spots available/Spots Filled/Not participating. The status will be updated on a rolling basis but mandatory updates from all institutions will be given by 24 hours preceding the Common Offer Date and Time.
8. Once an applicant has accepted a fellowship position, the institution will notify the Chair of the PACES-TPD and communicate to their other applicants that their position is filled.



The Following PACES EP Fellowship Training Programs agree to abide by the outlined terms and are committed to upholding this agreement.

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