

UIC Department of Radiology Residency Application FAQs

Question: Being an IMG, am I eligible to apply to your program? If so, what are the eligibility requirements?

Answer: At the time of application, a candidate must be eligible to practice medicine in the state of Illinois.

Question: Does your program require Transitional Year clinical experience or Preliminary Year clinical experience?

Answer: Yes, our program requires a year of Transitional or Preliminary clinical experience.

Question: Is it mandatory to have US Clinical Experience or research experience other than Transitional (PGY-1) year clinical experience?

Answer: Although highly desired, US clinical experience is not required.

Question: How many first year positions are available in your program?

Answer: There are 7 PGY-2 positions available.

Question: Is it Community or University Program?

Answer: This is a University program.

Question: Do you need any other documents other than ERAS package which includes ERAS Application, Personal Statement, Medical School Transcript, USMLE Transcripts, 3 LORs, MSPE, Photo, ECFMG Certification?

Answer: You need to be registered for the NRMP Match.

Question: Do you sponsor VISA? (J1 / H1 or BOTH)

Answer: The University of Illinois sponsors both a J1 and H1 visa.

Question: What is the average USMLE Step 1 score for matched applicants for your program?

Answer: The average USMLE Step 1 score for our current first year residents is 240.

Question: Do you have any cutoff limit for USMLE Step 1 score?

Answer: It is highly unlikely for candidates with scores less than 220 on their USMLE to be invited for an interview.

Question: Do you have any cutoff limit for USMLE attempts?

Answer: Board failure is unfavorable.

Question: Do you have cutoff limit for years since graduation?

Answer: No, but an explanation of how time was utilized is expected to be included in the personal statement.

Question: Are there or previously were there any international medical graduates in this program?

Answer: We currently have one international medical graduate and have had them in the past. Although, none were on visas.

Question: Does the Radiology program accept Caribbean school graduates?

Answer: We have accepted graduates in the past.

Question: Do I have to apply separately for a Transitional Year / Preliminary Year program if I apply to the Radiology program?

Answer: Yes, you have to apply separately for your Transitional/Preliminary Year program.

Question: How many letters of recommendation do you request?

Answer: One dean's letter and three personal letters of recommendation.

Question: Is UIC accepting applications for the DIRECT pathway program this year?

Answer: We do not currently have a Direct pathway program.

Question: What is the deadline for ERAS application?

Answer: There is no hard dead line, but almost all interviews are offered when the Dean's letters are available for review (November 1st).