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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 1520.42B
(b) SECNAVINST 1520.11C
(c) OPNAVINST 7220.17
(d) DoD Instruction 6000.13 of 30 December 2015
(e) BUMEDINST 1524.1D
(f) DoW Instruction 1315.18 of 21 May 2026
(g) NAVPERS 15560D

Encl: (1) Application Process
(2) Required Documents Checklist
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(4) Graduate Medical Education Full-Time In Service Selection Goals
(5) Graduate Medical Education Full-Time Out Service and Other Federal Institution Selection Goals
(6) Non-Clinical Graduate Education Selection Goals
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(8) Commanding Officer Endorsement Format: Medical Students Applying from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Post-Graduate Year 1 Applicants Template

1. Purpose. To announce application procedures for academic year (AY) 2027 Navy-sponsored graduate medical education (GME), per references (a) through (g), Naval Military Personnel Manual (MILPERSMAN) 1300-308, MILPERSMAN 1301-106, and MILPERSMAN 1301-110.

2. Scope and Applicability. This notice applies to Navy Medicine commands, medical department personnel on all ships and stations, Financial Assistance Program trainees, Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) students, Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP) students, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) students, and GME trainees in Navy Active Duty Delay for Specialists (NADDS), full-time in Service (FTIS), full-time out Service (FTOS), and other Federal institution programs.

3. Background. The Navy GME office at the Naval Medical Leader and Professional Development Command manages Navy GME application processes and Joint GME Selection Board (JGMESB) planning for Navy Medicine. The JGMESB will be held Monday, 16 November 2026, through Friday, 20 November 2026.

4. Important Dates

1 July 2026	- Navy GME Application Web site, Medical Operational Data System (MODS): https://education.mods.army.mil/navymeded/UserLogon/userlogon.htm - Alternative GME MODS Application Web site link: https://education.mods.army.mil/meded/UserLogon/UserLogon.asp - Printed applications will be distributed via e-mail to post-graduate year (PGY) 1 applicants.
31 August 2026	- Deadline to create and submit a new GME application. New applications will not be accepted after this date without written approval from the Navy GME Director. Applicants who have an existing application submitted on or before the 31 August 2026 deadline may modify the application through 15 October 2026. - Non-residency-trained general medical officer (GMO) and residency-trained operational medical officer (OMO) applicants must follow the guidance in reference (a) for application procedures and deadlines.
15 October 2026	- Deadline to modify applications to include specialty or location preferences. - Deadline to submit required GME supporting documents and interviews.
26 October 2026	- JGMESB Tri-Service scoring begins.
16 November 2026	- JGMESB Service-specific selection board convenes.
9 December 2026	- JGMESB results released.
4 January 2027	- Training acceptance deadline for resident and fellow selectees.

5. Training Eligibility. Between 1 September and 1 October 2026, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-4415) screens all applicants to ensure they meet requirements for Navy or Department of War tour length, promotion, transfer, and compliance with physical readiness. References (f) and (g), MILPERSMAN 1301-110, provide specific details regarding tour lengths. First-tour GMO and OMO applicants should have completed or be able to complete a utilization tour, meeting minimum tour length requirements (typically 36 months after completion of internship), prior to starting residency to be eligible for consideration by the JGMESB for GME training. All current staff or Fleet returnees applying for fellowship or an additional residency should have completed or be able to complete their current tour prior to starting fellowship or additional

residency to be eligible for consideration by the JGMESB for GME training. All potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their detailer directly to confirm eligibility or address eligibility-related concerns. Application instructions may be found in enclosures (1) and (2).

a. Applicants must not have failed any physical fitness assessment (PFA) within the last 18 months. Applications with a PFA failure will be flagged for review by PERS-4415 and the specialty leader.

b. Applicants who have failed to select to the next rank may be considered for JGMESB selection on a case-by-case basis, provided they meet obligated service requirements for a utilization tour, as determined by PERS-4415.

c. Medical student applicants must be screened for eligibility by their respective program managers (HPSP, HSCP, and USUHS). Medical student applicants who cannot start training by 1 July of the applicable AY require a waiver from the Navy GME director to be eligible for consideration by the JGMESB.

d. Program managers must provide the Navy GME Program director a weekly report of waiver status and students deemed ineligible due to factors such as medical and academic issues.

e. FTIS resident and fellowship applicants who cannot start training by 3 November (for programs that start on 1 July) and 4 December (for programs that start on 1 August) require a waiver from the Navy GME Director to be eligible for consideration by the JGMESB.

f. Civilian physicians and Reserve medical officers may be considered for Navy GME training. Selection of civilians and Reserve medical officers is contingent upon manning needs and availability of training positions after all qualified active duty applicants and accession scholarship recipients have been placed.

(1) Civilian applicants must meet all requirements for initial appointment to active duty as a Medical Corps officer and be approved for direct accession prior to applying to the JGMESB. Civilian applicants must contact the Medical Corps Career Planner at (703) 681-8955 prior to applying for Navy-sponsored GME training. Civilian applicants must submit a letter of final selection or similar document from Navy Recruiting Command to the Navy GME office via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil, by 15 October 2026.

(2) Reserve officers must be eligible and be approved by the Department for Reserve Personnel Management (PERS-9) for recall to active duty in the Navy Medical Corps prior to applying for Navy-sponsored GME. Reserve applicants must submit a letter of conditional or contingent release to the Navy GME office via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil, by 15 October 2026.

g. Application to the JGMESB is required for all deferment requests, including NADDS deferment, NADDS deferment for additional residency or fellowship training, and Navy sponsorship for additional GME training at other Federal institutions or through FTOS. Applicants may have preliminary discussions with training programs but are only authorized to commit to civilian or other Federal institution programs if selected as a primary select by the JGMESB and approved by the Surgeon General of the Navy.

h. PERS-4415 is responsible for writing orders to GME training. Those selected for GME training from operational or overseas billets may be required to remain on station slightly beyond program start date to meet operational requirements. Submit requests for report date changes as soon as possible to the Navy GME office with a letter from the applicant's commanding officer authorizing a billet gap (as appropriate) and release prior to the applicant's established projected rotation date. The Navy GME office will route the request to the specialty leader and program director for recommendation and to PERS-4415 for final determination. Orders to training, written and funded by PERS-4415, will not be modified except to support operational missions and requirements.

i. Navy-sponsored HPSP, HSCP, and USUHS contractual agreements require that Navy-sponsored medical students apply to Navy GME for their internship year of GME training. Medical students who fail to apply for Navy GME may be placed on a leave without pay status and are required to apply for Navy GME the next academic year. Those who fail to apply for Navy-sponsored GME training are not authorized to apply to or begin GME training in a civilian program.

j. GMO and OMO applicants must not use the Navy GME application Web site to apply for these programs. See reference (a) for applicant information. GMO and OMO applications must be submitted via the application portal at <https://esportal.med.navy.mil/bumed/Pages/OfficerApplications.aspx>. However, individuals applying for a residency in aerospace medicine or fellowship in hyperbaric medicine must use the Navy GME application Web site.

6. Availability of Programs. The AY-2027 Medical Corps Training Plan, approved by the Surgeon General of the Navy, determines GME training billet availability.

a. Current 1-year delay trainees are eligible to apply for continued deferment or training in the NADDS, FTOS, other Federal institutions, and FTIS programs. 1-year delay trainees previously approved for full deferment do not have to re-apply to the 2027 JGMESB and are authorized to apply to civilian programs for continued deferment in the specialty previously selected by the JGMESB. Trainees who match to continued civilian training must notify the Navy GME office of their selection prior to signing training contracts with the civilian institution.

b. FTIS training opportunities are competitive, and HPSP and HSCP students are not guaranteed in-Service training positions. Some HPSP and HSCP students may be selected for

FTOS residency training or deferred in the NADDS program (either fully deferred for residency training or a 1-year delay to complete their internship year only). Therefore, every HPSP and HSCP student must have a backup plan to train in a civilian institution if the JGMESB does not select them for an FTIS program. Depending on the desired specialty, HPSP and HSCP students are required to apply via the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®), Residency Centralized Application Service (ResidencyCAS®), or the SF Match® for full deferment to a civilian residency program or a civilian internship year program. HPSP students may be eligible for reimbursement of ERAS®, ResidencyCAS®, and SF Match® fees and must contact the accessions HPSP program manager for guidance. Applicants selected for FTIS training must contact the National Residency Match Program or SF Match Program and withdraw their application for the civilian match no later than 31 December 2026.

c. USUHS students are guaranteed by law and contractual agreement to be placed in an FTIS program for their internship year of GME training. USUHS students will also be considered for straight-through training per subparagraph 6l of this instruction unless they expressly opt out. USUHS students may apply for FTOS or full deferment in the NADDS program on a case-by-case basis. Selection to FTIS programs will have priority over selection and placement into FTOS or NADDS. USUHS students who apply for and are selected to the NADDS program will be transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve. Failure to select in a civilian program does not guarantee an FTIS training opportunity. While in NADDS, trainees are not eligible for military pay and allowances. USUHS students requesting an FTOS or NADDS program must inform the Navy GME Program director of their intent via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil, no later than 15 October 2026.

d. Postgraduate year-2 and above (PGY-2+) applicants applying for FTOS or release from active duty to NADDS must also apply in ERAS®, ResidencyCAS®, or the SF Match® to secure a match in a civilian program. Navy GME is not authorized to reimburse costs associated with matching or interviews for applications at the PGY-2+ level. JGMESB selection for release from active duty to NADDS or FTOS is contingent upon securing civilian training by 1 May of the selected training year. Failure to secure training by this date will result in active duty orders issued by PERS- 4415.

e. Applicants for civilian fellowships that require a 12 to 18-month lead time to interview and compete in one of the national matching programs may apply to the AY 2027 JGMESB for FTOS or release from active duty to enter the NADDS program beginning in AY-2028. Applicants must communicate their desire for a pre-selection for AY-2028 to their specialty leader and detailer. Applicants must indicate the required lead time, whether the program requires the trainee to obtain a post-secondary degree (e.g., master's in public health) while participating in the program, and the estimated cost to obtain the required degree. Applicants for release from active duty to NADDS must meet eligibility requirements, per reference (b). While in NADDS or released from active duty to NADDS, trainees are transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve and are not eligible for military pay and allowances. Upon completion of GME training, graduates are transferred back to active duty to fulfill their service obligation.

f. Applicants to the residency in aerospace medicine who do not hold a flight surgery (FS) designation must be eligible for selection to FS training since FS designation is a requirement to be a Navy Aerospace Medicine physician.

g. Applications for a second Navy-sponsored residency or fellowship, or an additional period of training in an unrelated specialty will be scrutinized by Navy specialty committees and the JGMESB to determine if the needs of the Navy can best be served by encumbering training billets for individuals for an additional period of training. Applicants must provide correspondence to indicate that their current specialty leader is aware of the application for a second residency via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil, by 15 October 2026. Similarly, applications for a fellowship hosted by another specialty outside of the applicant's primary specialty, must provide correspondence to indicate that their current specialty leader is aware of the application for a second fellowship via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil, by 15 October 2026.

h. Pre-selection requests for FTIS fellowships will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

i. Applicants selected for a GME program by a previous JGMESB will forfeit their selection if they apply to a subsequent JGMESB; waivers will not be granted for this requirement. Furthermore, current residents or fellows in training, or officers who have been selected for a categorical residency with a continuous contract, are ineligible to be selected for a different residency or fellowship program.

j. Information regarding Navy GME programs may be obtained from individual program directors and specialty leaders, or by visiting www.health.mil/GME.

k. All GME training conducted in the National Capital Area under the National Capital Consortium (NCC) is considered FTIS.

l. There will be a limited number of straight-through training opportunities for specialties indicated in enclosure (3). For specialties with straight-through training opportunities, all PGY-1 applicants will be considered for straight-through training as well as a preliminary year (internship only) for their first-choice specialty. Applicants must select the opt out option on their application if they do not wish to be considered for straight-through training. For their second-choice specialty, all PGY-1 applicants will only be considered for internship training. The opt in or opt out selection is final upon the 15 October 2026 deadline to modify applications.

m. Residency Selection Following an Operational Tour Pilot Program. There will be a limited number of AY-2030 and AY-2031 categorical residency selection opportunities for the FTIS specialties indicated in enclosure (4).

(1) Medical student applicants who desire residency selection following an operational tour must opt into the pilot program. Applicants applying for residency training via the pilot program will not be considered for straight-through training but will be considered for

categorical residency in their first-choice specialty to start their PGY-2 year in AY-2031. This option requires a 3-year operational tour following a preliminary year of training starting in AY-2027. Prospective applicants who desire consideration for this option must select the pilot program option on their application.

(2) Incumbent intern applicants who desire residency selection following an operational tour must opt into the pilot program. Applicants applying for residency training via the pilot program will not be considered for straight-through training but will be considered for categorical residency in their first-choice specialty to start their PGY-2 year in AY-2030. This option requires a 3-year operational tour upon completion of the preliminary year of training. Prospective applicants who desire consideration for this option must select the pilot program option on their application.

n. Military-Affiliated Civilian Partnership Programs. Navy Medicine has established enduring partnerships in residency and fellowship programs identified in enclosure (5). Each institution reserves one or more positions for a Navy applicant selected by the JGMESB.

(1) The partnership institutions may have specific requirements for supporting documents, interviews, and deadlines that differ from those of the JGMESB and are not obligated to interview all applicants. Prospective applicants must contact the Navy GME office via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil to request contact information for the partnership programs.

(2) Applicants seeking consideration for partnership programs must also apply to the JGMESB as outlined in enclosure (1). Applicants may also apply to military FTIS programs, non-partnership FTOS positions, and civilian deferment via the NADDS program.

7. Selection Process

a. Precept. The Navy GME Selection Board is an administrative board governed by a formal precept published by the Surgeon General of the Navy. The precept appoints the board president (a Medical Corps flag officer), voting members comprised of senior Medical Corps officers representing the broad diversity of the Navy Medical Corps, board recorders, and advisors. In addition, the selection board precept provides guidance for selecting applicants who have applied for Navy-sponsored GME and establishes the selection goals by specialty. All selection goals may be found in enclosures (3) through (6).

b. Joint Service Panels. Joint Service panels for PGY-2+ applications, comprised of program directors, specialty leaders, and consultants from Navy, Army, and Air Force, review applicant records and score Tri-Service applications in their specialty. Each application is scored by one individual from each military Service. Specialty leaders review and recommend the selection and placement of Navy applicants to the Navy board president and selection board members.

c. Navy PGY-1 Panels. Navy PGY-1 specialty panels are comprised of specialty leaders and program directors of Navy training programs. PGY-1 specialty leaders and program directors must score, review, and recommend the selection and placement of Navy applicants to the Navy board president and selection board members.

d. Program Preference and Placement. Although the selection board considers training site preferences, applicants are considered for all available training sites and placed per their score ranking and per operational, PERS-4415, and medical treatment facility requirements to support the Navy, Marine Corps, and Defense Health Agency missions. The Navy board president retains final authority for designating each Navy applicant as a select, pre-select, alternate, or non-select and submits board findings to the Surgeon General of the Navy for final approval. Applicants requesting FTOS training may also be considered for other Federal institution programs. PGY-1 applicants not competitively selected for their first or second-choice specialties will be considered for unfilled FTIS PGY-1 (1-year internship) positions in a similar specialty.

8. Selection Notification. Selection results for the JGMESB will be released on or about 9 December 2026.

a. Selection results for medical student applicants are final. Acceptance notification to the Navy GME office is not required.

b. To accept or decline the opportunity, residency and fellowship applicants selected for GME must notify the Navy GME Program director and Navy GME office via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil, as well as their command by 4 January 2027. The GME office will in turn notify PERS 4415 and the specialty leader. Specialty leaders will inform all program directors about the specialty of the member's accept or decline decision.

c. Applicants must e-mail their decision to accept or decline GME training by 2359 Eastern Standard Time (EST) on 4 January 2027. Failure to contact the Navy GME office will result in the loss of the training opportunity effective 5 January 2027, and the training billet will be made available to the alternate list. Upon a written declination of the training, the training billet will be made available to the list of alternates; waivers are not authorized. Individuals selected for more than one training program (GME, GMO, or OMO) may accept only one program. PERS-4415 will consider releasing members from GMO or OMO selections to fill alternate GME positions on a case-by-case basis.

d. If an FTOS selectee is unable to start their residency program on time, or requests a deferral for any reason, the position may be offered to an alternate and the selectee may be required to reapply to the JGMESB. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis to determine if the selectee can start off cycle, defer for a year, or reapply for the following cycle.

e. Current HPSP and HSCP medical students must notify their respective medical schools of their selection results upon receipt. The Navy GME office may release selection results to civilian medical schools only after receipt of a release disclosure statement signed by the applicant.

f. GME offers to applicants on the alternate list will not be extended until the Navy GME Office has received and processed all acceptance or declination notifications for the respective specialty.

9. Special Pay and Obligated Service. Reference (c) establishes special pay policy for Medical Corps officers. Specifically, reference (c), enclosure (1), chapter 2, section 220, subparagraph 1d applies to Medical Corps officers commencing initial residency (GME-2+) training. Reference (d) governs obligated service requirements incurred through GME participation. Additional information about special pays is available at, <https://www.med.navy.mil/Special-Pays/>.

10. Additional Information

a. GME Application Web site link:
<https://education.mods.army.mil/navymeded/UserLogon/userlogon.htm>

b. Alternate GME MODS Application Web site link:
<https://education.mods.army.mil/meded/UserLogon/UserLogon.asp>

c. For questions regarding applying for Navy-sponsored GME training, e-mail the applications and placement program manager: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil, or visit the Navy GME Web site link: <https://www.med.navy.mil/Naval-Medical-Leader-and-Professional-Development-Command/Professional-Development/Graduate-Medical-Education/>.

d. GMO and OMO application information (which includes FS and Undersea Medical Officer) is contained in reference (a).

e. Commanding officer's endorsement templates may be found in enclosures (7) and (8).

11. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules found on Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnave.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

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b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) Records Management Program (DNS-16).

12. Information Management Control. The reports required in subparagraphs 5d, 5h, and enclosure (1), paragraph 3 are exempt from reports control per Secretary of the Navy manual 5214.1 of December 2005, part IV, subparagraph 7k.


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APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Application Web site links:

<http://education.mods.army.mil/navymeded/UserLogon/userlogon.htm> or <https://education.mods.army.mil/meded/UserLogon/UserLogon.asp>. Applicants without MODS access will apply via paper application.

a. If submitting an application for the first time using MODS, follow the procedures to request a logon identification (ID) and password on the application Web site.

b. Applicants who have previously received a logon ID and password can log on with a common access card or an established logon ID and password.

2. Apply for GME. After logon, the applicant must access the Web site menu toolbar option “Apply for GME” to complete all required application modules. Please review the announcement and select “Apply Now” at the bottom of the screen.

a. After completing each module, click on “Update or Validate” at the bottom of the screen.

b. The applicant must save each module by clicking “Update or Validate” before the next module will become available.

3. Application Modules

a. Requested Specialties

(1) Applicants may not apply for more than two clinical specialties.

(2) Applicants may not apply for both a residency and a fellowship, except for aerospace medicine.

(3) Applicants may apply for GMO or OMO training in addition to two clinical specialties. Procedures for applying for GMO or OMO training can be found in reference (a).

(4) PGY-1 applicants must apply for two specialties. The first-choice specialty is considered for both a full categorical residency and a preliminary year. Applicants may rank as many training locations including (FTOS or NADDS) as desired within their first-choice specialty. The second-choice specialty is considered only for a FTIS preliminary year if the applicant does not match into a categorical or preliminary position in their first-choice specialty. All PGY-1 applicants (unless opted out on their application) will be considered for straight-through training in their first-choice specialty if that specialty is identified as a limited straight-through opportunity in enclosure (3).

(5) Selection to available Navy FTIS training positions will take precedence over selections to positions in FTOS, NADDS, or release from active duty to NADDS. Applicants

interested in selection for positions in other Services can apply for these positions and must discuss this with their specialty leader prior to applying.

b. Personal Information. All applicants are required to provide personal identifying information (PII) in their application. The personal identifying information obtained is protected under the Privacy Act of 1974. Applicants are required to electronically sign a Privacy Act Statement. Applicants applying via paper application will be e-mailed the Privacy Act Statement with the application. If the applicant is married to an active duty member, the spouse's social security number, Service, rank, and current assignment will be requested.

c. Education. Medical school address and class rank (if applicable). If the applicant's medical school is not available in the drop-down menu, do not select "Other." Please e-mail usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil to have the medical school added to the list.

d. Contact. Applicant's current contact information. Provide a valid telephone number and e-mail address. A military e-mail address is not required.

e. Training. Provide specialty, location, and completion date of any completed training (PGY-1, residency, or fellowship).

f. Licensure and Certification. Provide scores for all United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX) levels or steps completed. Provide state and expiration date for current medical license and current board certification status. For applicants who have taken both USMLE and COMLEX, scores for both exam types must be placed in this section. Upload documentation for both exams in the supporting document section of the application.

g. Papers and Achievements. List all military honors, academic appointments, professional societies, publications, research, and volunteer information.

h. Work History and Military Assignment History. Beginning with current assignment, list all military assignments in reverse chronological order, ending with PGY-1 training.

i. Prior Military Service. List all military assignments prior to PGY-1 training.

j. Manage Required Documents. In addition to applying through the application Web site, all applicants must submit supporting documents (see enclosure (2)). Uploaded documents are electronically placed with the applications. Applicants with MODS access are responsible for uploading all required supporting documents directly to the application Web site. Applicants without MODS access will e-mail documents to the Navy GME office for upload at usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil. The status of documents can be checked by going to "status," then "verify documents" in MODS or by e-mailing the GME office for a status update.

(1) PGY-1 applicants must also apply and submit all required documents to ERAS® via: <https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/ERAS/>. Medical students are advised to follow guidance from their medical school regarding the activation of their ERAS® application.

(2) Enclosure (2) is the complete list of required JGMESB documents. If a document must be submitted to the Navy GME office to be uploaded, it must be in portable document format (PDF) and is required to be labeled as: last name, first name, and a short description of the document (e.g., JONES_SARAH_TRANSCRIPT). Instructions for letter of recommendation writers with military domain access on how to upload documents to MODS on behalf of an applicant, can be found on the Navy GME Web site, <https://www.med.navy.mil/Naval-Medical-Leader-and-Professional-Development-Command/Professional-Development/Graduate-Medical-Education/>. Medical school officials or letter writers who do not have the capability to upload documents to the Navy GME application Web site can send documents via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil.

(3) Required Documents. All documents uploaded by applicants must be in PDF. Documents uploaded by applicants are not required to be labeled in any specific manner. Documents submitted directly to the Navy GME office are required to be labeled as: last name, first name, and a short description of the document (e.g., JONES_SARAH_TRANSCRIPT).

(a) Privacy Act Statement. Applicants with MODS access must electronically sign the Privacy Act Statement in MODS. Medical students submitting a paper application must include a signed Privacy Act Statement with the submission.

(b) Medical School Transcripts with Date of Degree Conferral. Date of conferral is not required for current medical students.

(c) Dean's Letter or Medical Student Performance Evaluation.

(d) Licensure Examination. Provide official transcript results for all completed steps or levels (Steps I through III or Levels I through III) of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA). Step III or Level III is not required for current medical students and interns. Applicants will not be ordered to active duty until they have successfully passed USMLE Step I or COMLEX-USA Level I, and both parts of Step II or Level II.

(e) Command Endorsement. The format provided in enclosure (7) is for residency and fellowship applicants. The format provided in enclosure (8) is for USUHS medical students. HPSP and HSCP medical students are not required to submit a command endorsement. Residency and fellowship applicants' endorsement must include a statement attesting that the applicant has not failed a PFA, has been within body composition assessment standards for the last 18 months, and is eligible for transfer in the June 2027 timeframe.

(f) Fitness Reports (FITREP). Copies of the five most recent FITREPs with PII redacted. This is not required for medical students in the HPSP and HSCP programs and interns.

(g) Personal Statement. All applicants must submit a personal statement that is one page or less, single-spaced, 10-point to 12-point Times New Roman font, with one-inch margins, and includes their first name, middle initial, and last name in the header or footer. Applicants should use the statement to describe their strengths and motivations for the specialty to which they are applying. Applicants must use the end of the personal statement to describe any extenuating circumstances they wish the board to consider. These may include, but are not limited to, colocation or family concerns.

(h) Letters of Recommendation. Up to three letters from professionals with whom the applicant has worked closely will be accepted. A letter from a senior physician in the applicant's chain of command is encouraged for those not in training. All applicants are highly encouraged to submit at least one letter from a staff physician in the specialty for which they are applying. Letters dated within the same calendar year of the selection board are desired but not required.

(i) Training Evaluation(s)

1. Applicants Currently Training in a Medical Treatment Facility. The applicant's current program director must complete the "Program Director Recommendation Form" electronically via the MODS applicant Web site.

2. Applicants Currently in Training at a Civilian Institution. The current program director must submit a "Program Director Letter of Recommendation." The program director or applicant will upload the letter via the application Web site. Applicants with paper applications will submit to the Navy GME office via e-mail: usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil.

3. Applicants Not Currently in GME Training. Provide a copy of their summative end-of-training evaluation for each period of GME training previously completed. To obtain a copy of the summative end-of-training evaluation from previous training, applicants must contact the GME program coordinator where each period of GME training was completed.

4. Submission of Application. To ensure successful submission of an application, applicants must refer to the "Application Status" at the top of the page on the right. If "Not Applied" appears as the status, the applicant is responsible for returning to any outstanding module to ensure it is submitted appropriately so that the application status changes to "Applied" by 2359 EST, 31 August 2026. Once "Applied" appears at the top of the page, the application and curriculum vitae have been submitted. Applications after 2359 EST, 31 August 2026 will not be considered without a waiver approved by the Navy GME Director. Applicants may continue to modify and update their submitted application and upload supporting documents until the final application deadline, 15 October 2026.

5. Updating MODS. Applicants are responsible for updating their MODS application with any changes to their contact information.

6. Application Deadline. Initial applications for the JGMESB must be submitted via MODS or e-mailed to the Navy GME office by 2359 EST on 31 August 2026. New applications will not be accepted after that date. The final deadline for modifying applications and uploading supporting documents is 15 October 2026.

a. Incomplete Applications. It is the applicant's responsibility to check the status of their application and supporting documents via the application Web site prior to 31 August 2026. Incomplete applications will be submitted to specialty committees for scoring and consideration unless the applicant withdraws their application in writing to the Navy GME office at usn.bethesda.navmedleadprodevcmd.mbx.gme-sb@health.mil, before 15 October 2026. Applications are not considered withdrawn until confirmation is received from the Navy GME office.

b. Application Copies. Each applicant is responsible for retaining a copy of the completed GME application and all supporting documents submitted. The Navy GME office will not provide copies of these documents.

7. Interview. All applicants are required to interview with the program directors at all FTIS sites listed in their application. This includes first and second-choice specialties. Applicants requesting FTOS, other Federal institutions, and NADDS must also interview with their specialty leader and the program director(s) of the program(s) in which they are requesting to train. Applicants are encouraged to arrange for timely interviews (prior to October) with program directors and specialty leaders. Contact information can be found on the application Web site. Specialty leaders and program directors must complete interviews in MODS by 15 October 2026.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

1. Listed by applicant's current status. The checklist is for applicant use only and is not to be submitted with the application.
2. MODS will only accept documents in PDF.

<u>MEDICAL STUDENTS</u> ☐ Board scores levels or steps 1 and 2 ☐ Medical student performance evaluation or dean's letter ☐ Medical school transcript ☐ Letters of recommendation ☐ Commanding officer's endorsement (USUHS only) ☐ FITREPs with PII redacted (USUHS only) ☐ Personal statement <u>FTIS PGY-1</u> ☐ Board scores levels or steps 1 and 2 ☐ Medical student performance evaluation or dean's letter ☐ Transcripts with date of conferral ☐ Commanding officer's endorsement ☐ Letters of recommendation ☐ Personal statement <u>FTIS RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS</u> ☐ Board scores levels or steps 1-3 ☐ Medical student performance evaluation or dean's letter ☐ Transcripts with date of conferral ☐ Internship end of training evaluation (if applicable due to a break in training) ☐ Letters of recommendation ☐ Commanding officer's endorsement ☐ FITREPs with PII redacted ☐ Personal statement	<u>DEFERRED TRAINEES</u> ☐ Board scores (applicable to their training year) ☐ Medical student performance evaluation or dean's letter ☐ Transcripts with date of conferral ☐ End of training evaluation (applicable to their training year) ☐ Letters of recommendation ☐ Personal statement <u>CURRENT GMO or OMO</u> ☐ Board scores levels or steps 1-3 ☐ Medical student performance evaluation or dean's letter ☐ Transcripts with a date of conferral ☐ Internship end of training evaluation ☐ Letters of recommendation ☐ Commanding officer's endorsement ☐ FITREPs with PII redacted ☐ Personal statement <u>STAFF</u> ☐ Board scores levels or steps 1-3 ☐ Medical student performance evaluation or dean's letter ☐ Transcripts with date of conferral ☐ Internship end of training evaluation (if applicable) ☐ Residency end of training evaluation ☐ Letters of recommendation ☐ Commanding officer's endorsement ☐ FITREPs with PII redacted ☐ Personal statement
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GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POST-GRADUATE YEAR 1 SELECTION GOALS

SPECIALTY	EM	FM	GEN SURG	GYN/ OB	IM	NEURO	NEURO SURG	ORTHO	OTO	PEDS	PSYCH	TY	URO	Total
LIMITED STRAIGHT-THROUGH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	To Be Determined (TBD)
TRAINING SITE														
Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune		13									3			16
Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton		13												13
Naval Hospital Jacksonville		13												13
NCC Family Medicine AT Augusta Community Hospital		5												5
NCC Walter Reed National Military Medical Center			7	2	11	2	1	3	1	4	4	10	1	46
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth	10		8	3	11			4	2	6	6	20		70
Naval Medical Center San Diego	10		8	5	11			5	2	8	8	24	3	84
Total	20	44	23	10	33	2	1	12	5	18	21	54	4	247

1. GME positions listed in the enclosure (3) table are projections and subject to change according to operational and manning requirements.
2. Specialty. The specialty acronyms from the table are defined as emergency medicine (EM), family medicine (FM), general surgery (GEN SURG), gynecologic surgery and obstetrics (GYN/OB), internal medicine (IM), neurology (NEURO), neurological surgery (NEURO SURG), orthopedic surgery (ORTHO), otolaryngology (OTO), pediatrics (PEDS), psychiatry (PSYCH), transitional year (TY), urology (URO).
3. Limited Straight Through Training Opportunities. Additional specialties with limited FTIS straight-through training opportunities include anesthesiology, dermatology, ophthalmology, and radiology.
4. Deferment via the NADDS program. Medical student applications for deferment will be considered for the specialties listed in the enclosure (3) table as well as anesthesiology, ophthalmology, preventive medicine, radiation oncology, and radiology.
5. NCC Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Neurological Surgery. This position is Tri-Service competed and goes to the highest-scoring candidate for Navy, Army, or Air Force.
6. FTIS selection goals by site can be found on the Navy GME Web site at <https://www.med.navy.mil/Naval-Medical-Leader-and-Professional-Development-Command/Professional-Development/Graduate-Medical-Education/>.

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION FULL-TIME IN SERVICE SELECTION GOALS

SPECIALTY	RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (RAD) TO NADDS	FTIS RESIDENCY AUTHORIZED SELECTIONS	FTIS FELLOWSHIP AUTHORIZED SELECTIONS	TOTAL FTIS SELECTION GOAL	AY-2030/31 SELECTION OPPORTUNITIES
Aerospace Medicine	-	8	-	8	YES
Anesthesiology	-	11	-	11	YES
Pain Medicine	-	-	-	-	-
Dermatology	-	5	-	5	YES
Emergency Medicine	-	10	-	10	YES
Family Medicine	-	28	-	28	YES
Family Medicine Obstetrics	-	-	1	1	-
Sports Medicine	-	-	4	4	-
General Surgery	YES	2	-	2	YES
Gynecologic Surgery and Obstetrics	-	TBD	-	-	-
Internal Medicine	-	14	-	14	YES
Allergy and Immunology	-	-	1	1	-
Cardiology	-	-	3	3	-
Critical Care Medicine	-	-	1	1	-
Endocrinology	-	-	1	1	-
Gastroenterology	-	-	3	3	-
Infectious Disease	-	-	3	3	-
Infectious Disease Master of Public Health	-	-	1	1	-
Nephrology	-	-	1	1	-
Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care	-	-	5	5	-
Neurological Surgery	YES	TBD	-	-	-
Neurology	YES	1	-	1	YES
Occupational and Environmental Medicine	-	4	-	4	YES
Ophthalmology	-	TBD	-	-	-
Orthopedic Surgery	-	TBD	-	-	-
Otolaryngology	-	TBD	-	-	-
Pathology	-	1	-	1	YES
Pediatrics	-	3	-	3	YES
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine	-	-	1	1	-
Pediatric Endocrinology	-	-	1	1	-
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	-	-	-	-	YES
Preventive Medicine	-	4	-	4	YES
Psychiatry	-	7	-	7	YES
Forensic Psychiatry	-	-	1	1	-
Radiology-Diagnostic	-	8	-	8	YES
Body Imaging	-	-	1	1	-
Musculoskeletal Radiology	-	-	1	1	-
Urology	-	TBD	-	-	-
Total	TBD	106	29	135	TBD

1. GME positions listed in the enclosure (4) table are projections and subject to change according to operational and manning requirements.

2. RAD to NADDS. RAD to NADDS selections will be considered, per reference (b), for specialties with “YES” in the RAD to NADDS column.

3. FTIS Residency Authorized Selections. PGY-2 applicants who have been in the Fleet for several years or did not complete all necessary training during their PGY-1 year may need to repeat some or all of the specialty-specific PGY-1 year as a “resitern” due to Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and American Board of Medical Specialties requirements. Applicants should consult with the specialty leader or program director of the specialty to which they are applying for further information.
4. AY-2030 or AY-2031 Selection Opportunities. A limited number of categorical residency opportunities are available for medical students and incumbent intern applicants who opt in to the pilot program. These applicants will be considered for categorical residency in their first-choice specialty to start their PGY-2 year in AY-2030 or AY-2031 following the completion of a 3-year operational tour.
5. FTIS Fellowship Authorized Selections, Infectious Disease Master of Public Health. Includes an additional year of Navy-sponsored fellowship training to obtain a Master of Public Health degree.
6. FTIS Residency Authorized Selections, Neurological Surgery. Neurosurgery PGY-2 training opportunity is dependent on the current PGY-1 trainee pipeline.
7. FTIS Residency Authorized Selections, Ophthalmology. Applications for Ophthalmology will be considered for pre-selection to residency in AY-2028. Medical student applicants will complete a transitional year beginning in AY-2027. PGY-2 applicants must repeat 3 months of Ophthalmology internship as a “resitern” beginning in AY-2028.
8. FTIS Residency Authorized Selections, Gynecologic Surgery and Obstetrics, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, and Urology. PGY-2 applicants for Gynecologic Surgery and Obstetrics, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, and Urology will be considered with medical student applicants for PGY-1 positions. PGY-2 applicants who did not complete a preliminary year in Gynecologic Surgery and Obstetrics, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, and Urology will have to complete most or all the PGY-1 year as a “resitern.”
9. The Navy JGMESB President is authorized to allocate unused training billets to qualified and eligible applicants in specialties that have an unmet Navy Medicine manpower requirement. Therefore, applicants who have completed an internship may apply for a residency or fellowship in a specialty not listed in enclosure (4).

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
FULL-TIME OUT SERVICE AND OTHER FEDERAL INSTITUTION SELECTION GOALS

Specialty	AY-2027		AY-2028
	R	F	F
Anesthesiology	-	-	-
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine	-	-	1
Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology	-	-	1
Neuroanesthesiology	-	-	1
Obstetric Anesthesiology	-	-	1
Pediatric Anesthesiology	-	-	1
Clinical Informatics	-	1	-
Dermatology	-	-	-
Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology (Mohs)	-	-	1
Emergency Medicine	2	-	-
Emergency Medical Services	-	-	1
Emergency Medicine Ultrasound	-	1	-
Family Medicine	1	-	-
Geriatric Medicine	-	1	-
General Surgery	4	-	-
Cardiothoracic Surgery	-	-	1
Cardiothoracic Surgery (Thoracic Surgery Only)	-	-	1
Minimally Invasive Surgery	-	-	2
Pediatric Surgery	-	-	1
Plastic Surgery (Integrated Plastic Surgery Residency)	1	-	-
Acute Care Surgery (Trauma and Critical Care)	-	1	1
Acute Care Surgery (Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn Care)	-	-	2
Vascular Surgery	-	-	1
Gynecologic Surgery and Obstetrics	2	-	-
Gynecologic Oncology	-	-	1
Maternal-Fetal Medicine	-	-	1
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility	-	-	1
Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery	-	-	1
Internal Medicine	1	-	-
Cardiology – Electrophysiology	-	-	1
Cardiology – Interventional	-	-	1
Critical Care Medicine	-	1	-
Gastroenterology	-	1	-
Gastroenterology - Advanced Endoscopy	-	-	1
Hematology and Oncology	-	-	1
Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine	-	1	-
Rheumatology	-	-	1
Neurological Surgery	1	-	-
Complex Spine	-	-	1
Neurology	1	-	-
Clinical Neurophysiology	-	1	-
Occupational and Environmental Medicine	2	-	-

Legend:

R = Residency F = Fellowship

Specialty (continued)	AY-2027		AY-2028
	R	F	F
Ophthalmology	1	-	-
Pediatric Ophthalmology	-	1	-
Orthopaedic Surgery	1	-	-
Adult Joint Reconstruction	-	-	2
Foot and Ankle Surgery	-	-	1
Hand Surgery	-	-	2
Orthopaedic Spine Surgery	-	-	2
Orthopaedic Sports Medicine	-	-	1
Otolaryngology	-	-	-
Pediatric Otolaryngology	-	-	2
Rhinology	-	-	1
Pathology	1	-	-
Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine	-	-	1
Hematopathology	-	1	-
Pediatrics	-	-	-
Adolescent Medicine	-	1	-
Developmental Pediatrics	-	1	-
Pediatric Cardiology	-	1	-
Preventive Medicine	1	-	-
Psychiatry	-	-	-
Addiction Psychiatry	-	1	-
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	-	2	-
Radiation-Oncology	1	-	-
Radiology-Diagnostic	2	-	-
Breast Imaging	-	1	1
Cardiothoracic Imaging	-	1	-
Musculoskeletal Radiology	-	-	1
Pediatric Radiology	-	1	-
Urology	2	-	-
Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery	-	1	-
Pediatric Urology	-	-	1
Undersea Medicine	-	-	-
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine	-	1	-
Total	24	21	41
AY Totals	45		

Legend:

R = Residency F = Fellowship

1. GME positions listed in the enclosure (5) table are projections and subject to change according to manning requirements.
2. AY-2027 Residency. Medical student applicants may be considered for FTOS selections for categorical residency.
3. AY-2027 Residency, Emergency Medicine. Two FTOS Emergency Medicine residency positions are reserved for Other Federal Institution selections to the Brooke Army Medical Center program sponsored by the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium.

4. AY-2027 Residency, General Surgery. One FTOS General Surgery residency position is reserved for each of the Penn State University and Temple University Military-Civilian partnerships. Applicants selected for the remaining two FTOS General Surgery residency positions will compete for civilian training through the National Residency Match Program.
5. AY-2028 Fellowship, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. The one FTOS Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility position is reserved for an Other Federal Institution selection to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.
6. AY-2027 Fellowship, Gastroenterology. The one FTOS Gastroenterology fellowship position is reserved for Scripps Green Hospital Military-Civilian partnership.
7. AY-2027 Residency, Radiation Oncology. The one FTOS Radiation Oncology position is reserved for the University of California San Diego Military-Civilian partnership.
8. AY-2027 Residency, Urology. One FTOS Urology residency position is reserved for each of the Old Dominion University and University of Pennsylvania Military-Civilian partnerships.
9. AY-2027 Fellowship, Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine. One FTOS Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine fellowship position is reserved for the University of California San Diego Military-Civilian partnership.
10. The Navy JGMESB President is authorized to allocate unused training billets to qualified and eligible applicants in specialties that have an unmet Navy Medicine manpower requirement. Therefore, applicants who have completed an internship may apply for a residency or fellowship in a specialty not listed in enclosure (5).

NON-CLINICAL GRADUATE EDUCATION SELECTION GOAL

Training	AY-2027
Master of Health Care Delivery Science	1

1. Master of Health Care Delivery Science. The 12-month Dartmouth Master of Health Care Delivery Science Program is a blended online and on-campus program, with three annual 2-week in-person sessions. Selected members remain under their current or prospective orders while participating. The interdisciplinary curriculum blends research and teaching from the Geisel School of Medicine and the Tuck School of Business. Naval Medical Leader and Professional Development Command will provide the funding for the program and in-person training. Applicants require commanding officer endorsement affirming: non-deployable status for the program duration; support for the in-person sessions; and approximately 15 hours per week of protected time for coursework. Dartmouth Master of Health Care Delivery Science graduates incur an active duty obligation, per reference (d), served consecutively with any prior active duty obligations. Selected candidates are required to apply for a command or milestone billet through the standard process, including screening and slating. For program details and application submission, visit the Dartmouth Master of Health Care Delivery Science Navy application portal available at, https://apply.mhcds.dartmouth.edu/portal/apply_mhcds_navy?orig_referrer=%28direct%29&landing_page=https%3A%2F%2Fmhcds.dartmouth.edu%2F&first_touch_ts=2025-10-02T15%3A28%3A02.257Z.

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22 Jul 2026

COMMANDING OFFICER ENDORSEMENT FORMAT:
APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP TEMPLATE
(command letterhead)

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[DD Mmm YY]

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on [RANK First Name Last Name], MC, USN, 2100 ltr SSIC
of [DD Mmm YYYY]

From: Activity Head, Name of Activity, Location (when needed)

To: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Leader and Professional Development Command
(Code 1WAC), 8955 Wood Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20889-5628

Subj: REQUEST FOR TRAINING IN GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Subject named officer is in compliance with physical readiness and body fat standards and meets requirements for transfer. Member is eligible to transfer June 2027.
3. Any additional remarks (required if not recommending approval or not within physical readiness standards).

signature line

Copy to:
Applicant

Enclosure (7)

BUMEDNOTE 1524
22 Jul 2026

COMMANDING OFFICER ENDORSEMENT FORMAT: MEDICAL STUDENTS
APPLYING FROM UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
POST-GRADUATE YEAR 1 APPLICANTS TEMPLATE
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From: Activity Head, Name of Activity, Location (when needed)

To: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Leader and Professional Development Command
(Code 1WAC), 8955 Wood Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20889-5628

Subj: REQUEST FOR TRAINING IN GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Subject named officer has not failed any clinical rotations, is not currently on probation, is in good academic standing, and is within body fat standards.
3. Any additional remarks (required if not recommending approval or not within physical readiness standards listed in subparagraph 5a of the basic notice).

signature line

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Applicant

Enclosure (8)