



Alternative Pathway to Board Eligibility for Academic Faculty Trained Abroad

Designed for medical geneticists who trained abroad in medical genetics and genomics primary specialty and have extensive experience and credentials.

	Clinical Genetics and Genomics (MD)	Medical Genetics Laboratory Specialties (Laboratory Genetics and Genomics or Clinical Biochemical Genetics)
Nomination	Department Chair or Program Director of an ACGME-accredited residency program in Medical Genetics and Genomics, who has been ABMGG certified for at least five years. The letter must include the reason for the special consideration.	Department Chair or Program Director of an ACGME-accredited U.S. laboratory training program who has been ABMGG certified for at least five years. The letter must include the reason for the special consideration.
Training abroad	Two or more years of formal, verified medical genetics training abroad with documentation, such as a letter from the program director or certificate of completion.	Two or more years of formal, verified genetics training abroad with documentation such as a letter from the program director or certificate of completion.
Current position	Current full-time faculty member at a U.S. university-affiliated institution with an ACGME-accredited medical genetics and genomics residency.	Current full-time faculty member at a U.S. institution with an ACGME-accredited laboratory training program in the respective laboratory specialty.
Teaching and Scholarly activity	Must have completed minimum of five years of clinical genetics and genomics practice after formal training abroad.	Must have completed minimum of five years of laboratory genetics practice after formal training abroad.
Evaluation	The candidate must complete a logbook documenting the cases in which the applicant had a major role in the previous 12 months.	The candidate must complete a logbook documenting the cases in which the application had a major role in the previous 12 months.
Rank	Rank of assistant, associate, or full professor OR member of full-time faculty in the U.S. for at least three years.	Rank of assistant, associate, or full professor OR member of full-time faculty in the U.S. for at least three years.
Additional documentation needed	CV, bibliography, unrestricted medical license, and ECFMG certificate.	CV, bibliography, and either ECFMG certificate OR formal course-by-course degree evaluation by an external agency, and passing TOEFL scores, as required by ABMGG.
Letters of endorsement	Three letters of endorsement from ABMGG diplomates, other than the nominating individual.	Three letters of endorsement from ABMGG diplomates, other than the nominating individual.
Application Fee	\$500 nonrefundable	\$500 nonrefundable
Role of Credentials Committee	ABMGG Credentials Committee reviews each application for completion of requirements and merit. If approved, the individual will be considered board eligible to apply for the certification examinations in clinical genetics and genomics. The candidate will be considered board eligible for a maximum of four years from approval and a maximum of two consecutive examination cycles.	ABMGG Credentials Committee reviews each application for completion of requirements and merit. If approved, the individual will be considered board eligible to apply for the certification examinations in the respective laboratory genetics specialty. The candidate will be considered board eligible for a maximum of four years from approval and a maximum of two consecutive examination cycles.

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