

GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



The GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award honors and recognizes the crucial role that program coordinators play in the success of a residency/fellowship program. The ACGME congratulates the recipients of the 2018 GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award.



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Nominators had this to say:

“Melissa's nine-year career as a program administrator has spanned the United States from Honolulu, Hawaii to Buffalo, New York. Melissa is an innovator and leader among program administrators, and has expanded the program administrator role's definition at UB.”

“Melissa was recently appointed Program Administrator for the UB Department of Surgery in September, 2016 after successfully managing UB's Internal Medicine Catholic Health residency program for over four years. Melissa handled the transition from one program to the next with exemplary professionalism, ensuring that she help her former program through key deadlines before leaving. She prepared for her new role in surgery by studying their ACGME Program Requirements as if she were taking a certification exam.”

“It's her compassionate and humble nature, her inviting yet confident demeanor, and interpersonal communication skills that really make her special. Recently, I went on vacation to Hawaii, where she previously lived. Without prompting, she e-mailed me an entire list of activities, places to go eat, and scenery to check out. Not only does she take ample time to do her job, but she takes extra time to be a good person because she really cares about the residents and their well-being.”