

## **Rural and Underserved GME Advisory Group Resident/Fellow Members Nomination Request**

The ACGME Rural and Underserved GME Advisory Group (“the Group”) seeks nominations for two resident/fellow members with a term to begin in December 2026. Nominees must be enrolled in an ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship program at the time of the appointment and may not serve more than one year beyond completion of residency or fellowship. The resident members’ term is two years.

### **Qualifications for the Group’s Resident/Fellow Members**

The Group can appoint no more than two concurrent members from the same state. No more than one member can be from the same Sponsoring Institution or city/metropolitan area (i.e., core-based statistical area as defined by US Office of Management and Budget). Current members are affiliated with the following institutions:

- Baptist Health - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Little Rock, Arkansas)
- Charles R. Drew University College of Medicine (Los Angeles, California)
- Claiborne Memorial Medical Center (Homer, Louisiana)
- East Arkansas Family Health Center, Inc. (Trumann, Arkansas)
- Los Angeles County-Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (Torrance, California)
- Maine Medical Center (Portland, Maine)
- Natividad Medical Center (Salinas, California)
- Providence Health (Anchorage, Alaska)
- Texas Institute for Graduate Medical Education and Research (San Antonio, Texas)

It is preferable, though not obligatory, that the resident/fellow members have current or prior service experience as a member of the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) and as a leader among residents/fellows at their program’s Sponsoring Institution.

The resident/fellow members must be able to participate in remote Group meetings and be able to use common communication platforms (e.g., Zoom, Skype, Microsoft Teams), in addition to using common software (e.g., Microsoft Word, Adobe Acrobat Reader) and the ACGME’s web-based software for Group activities.

### **Responsibilities of the Resident Member**

Members must attend all Group meetings. The Group typically meets two times per year. The Group’s meeting agendas will consist of items related to implementation of the ACGME’s Rural and Underserved GME Framework. Members will spend two to three hours before each meeting reviewing written materials. Group meetings will typically be held in November/December and May/June of each year. If there is a third meeting, it will likely be held virtually in the summer or fall. Relevant 2026-2027 Group meeting dates are:

- December 3-4, 2026, Chicago, Illinois (in-person meeting)
- May 27-28, 2027, Chicago, Illinois (in-person meeting)
- December 2-3, 2027, Chicago, Illinois (in-person meeting)

The duration of a Group meeting is typically one and a half days. Group work may also include periodic video conference calls.

In addition to traveling to and attending all Group meetings, Group members are responsible for advising the ACGME on:

- a. organizational knowledge of issues related to graduate medical education (GME) and rural and underserved areas
- b. outreach efforts to designated institutional officials (DIOs), program directors, and others
- c. educational opportunities to facilitate the development of GME

The resident/fellow member participates in all Group activities. The resident/fellow member is required to comply with the same confidentiality, conflict of interest, duality of interest, and fiduciary responsibility policies as other members.

*Note: It is the responsibility of the program director of the resident/fellow members' residency or fellowship programs to ensure that the resident/fellows have the necessary time to review meeting materials, attend Group meetings, and participate in activities of the Group as required.*

### **To Submit a Nomination**

To nominate a resident/fellow for this position, submit the following documents under one cover by email:

- Letter of recommendation, signed by the nominee's program director and the DIO of the program's Sponsoring Institution, committing that the resident/fellow will have sufficient time to participate in activities of the Rural and Underserved GME Advisory Group as expected
- Nominee's up-to-date curriculum vitae
- One-page personal statement outlining the nominee's educational goals, professional interests, and intent to serve if elected to the Group

**Submit nominations by email to [underserved@acgme.org](mailto:underserved@acgme.org) by Sunday, April 19, 2026.**

If the organization's process for selecting nominees will not accommodate the requested deadline, email [underserved@acgme.org](mailto:underserved@acgme.org) as soon as possible and before the deadline.

All organizations submitting nominations will be notified of the selection by email after the Rural and Underserved GME Advisory Group Steering Committee has completed the nomination review process.

### **Additional Information**

All related travel and meeting expenses are covered by the ACGME.

Nominees who are selected to become Group members will sign an agreement with the ACGME and will complete a disclosure form annually. (The disclosure form identifies any relationships, positions, or circumstances in which nominees are involved that they believe could contribute to an actual or apparent conflict or duality of interest.) New members will complete these documents at or before their first Group meeting in December 2026.

More information about the ACGME can be found at [www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org). Information specific to the Group is on the [Rural and Underserved GME section](#) of the ACGME website.

Email [underserved@acgme.org](mailto:underserved@acgme.org) with specific questions.