What is the Integrated Medical School and Family Medicine Residency Program?

The CHM Integrated Medical School and Family Medicine Residency Program is a transitional fourth year medical school experience that continues into residency. It offers several benefits for both medical students and the residency program. Many medical students know they want to enter Family Medicine, know where they would like to be trained and are looking for that additional extra to become leaders in their discipline. Residency programs want the best students with the highest likelihood of staying in their communities. They want to create opportunities in which their residents thrive and lead their discipline forward.

How does the program work?

Medical students who know they would like to do Family Medicine in one of the MSU Family Medicine residencies participating in this program would apply near the middle of their third year of medical school. If favorable, they would be offered an interview with their preferred MSU Family Medicine residency program. If accepted, they would enter into a nonbinding agreement with the medical school and residency to commit to this program. Details of organizing the student’s fourth year medical school experience would be determined jointly by the residency, the community assistant dean’s office (or surrogate) and the Department of Family Medicine.

Each student selected will be awarded a $10,000 scholarship with $5,000 applied to their student loans in the Fall Semester of their fourth year of medical school and $5,000 applied to their student loans in the Spring Semester of their fourth year of medical school. Following a successful residency match, the students will receive a $10,000 award upon graduation from medical school. This final award originates from the residency programs and its use is determined by the student.
An Integrated Program

Focused Areas of Excellence

A student may choose one of three areas for additional study during the four years of this program. These areas include:

- **Leadership**—designed for students interested in advocacy, politics or health policy working with leaders in Family Medicine at the local or state, national or international level.

- **Scholarship**—designed for students interested in academics, residency leadership, curriculum development, research.

- **Community Outreach/Public Health**—designed for students interested in public health, service, or advocacy, interfacing with local departments of public health.

Each of these focus areas will be organized individually with the student, the residency program and the MSU Department of Family Medicine and will have negotiated requirements.

What is the timeline?

- **January**: Program announcement
- **March 1**: Due date for applications to be submitted to Steve Roskos, MD
- **March to mid-April**: Student interviews in preferred residency (if selected)
- **April 15**: Acceptance date
- **July 1**: Start date
- **Mid-October**: Final commitment date by residency and student to each other

What are the application requirements?

- Medical school application
- MSU CHM transcript
- Step 1 score (must have passed to apply)
- Successful completion of all clerkships at time of application
- Three letters of recommendation; at least one from Family Medicine Clerkship, if student has completed this
- Personal statement: Why me? Why this program? (two pages)
- Upon receipt of all application materials the program committee will meet and offer potential students an interview at their preferred residency.

For more information:

To learn more about the participating residency programs and to find a downloadable application or additional information about The Integrated Medical School and Family Medicine Residency (TIP) Program, at chmfamilymedicine.msu.edu/tip

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