SELECTION OF RESIDENTS

The Admissions Committee reviews all completed applications. All candidates are thoroughly evaluated and considered. Interviews will be granted after the applicant's credentials have been reviewed. Candidates selected for interviews will be notified in writing. Interviews will be granted from October to December. The AEGD program follows the University of Pittsburgh non-discriminatory policy.

STIPEND / BENEFITS / FEES

A stipend of $23,000 per year is paid in twelve monthly installments. No tuition is charged, but there is a university student activity fee. The applicant must have completed or be in the process of completing a dental degree program at a school accredited by the American or Canadian Dental Association to be eligible to receive a stipend.

Residents are eligible for health insurance through the University's Plan for "Graduate Students with Eligible Academic Appointments". Specific coverage and details of the program can be requested from the program and/or reviewed during the interview visit.

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AEGD PROGRAM

The University of Pittsburgh's Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program was established in 1989. The program is fully accredited and begins on July 1st of each year. The program is one year in length and enrolls up to three residents. Since the program's initiation, 1 - 3 stipend residents have been enrolled each year into the program. We prefer to have students from diverse backgrounds. For the 2009-2010 program year, residents are from the University of Pittsburgh, and Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry.

FACILITIES

Following completion of a total renovation of the School, the AEGD program was relocated during August, 1992 to a new seven unit area dedicated exclusively to the AEGD program and residents. Since the 1990 renovation all operatories are equipped for four handed dentistry with ADEC Units. New ADEC units were installed December 2009. Each operatory has fiber optic capability, amalgamator, composite curing lamp, and Alabama cart which contains supplies for basic operative dentistry. New operatory lights were installed in 2003. All operatories of the SDM were hardwired in 2007. All operatories received computers in July of 2008 as part of the SDM’s move towards a paperless record and the implantation of the AxiUm program. Along with the implantation of digital radiography in 2008, the dark room was transformed into a sterilization area with on site storage of the IMS cassettes. The AEGD clinic was fully renovated in July 2009. The program has its own dental assistant and conference room. The School uses Hugh-Freidy's Instrument Management System (IMS) cassettes as part of its infection control activities. OSHA infection control guidelines are followed for delivery of patient care with compliance monitored on a regular basis. Complete policy available upon request. All patient scheduling is done by scheduling clerks located on each floor of the building. Daily, this centralized system requests patient charts: and the IMS cassettes, high and low speed handpieces. Depending on the nature of treatment being delivered, residents treat between four and six patients daily. Patient supervision is provided by three faculty on a rotational basis. Consultants from all specialties are available.

APPLICATION PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS

Applications are processed using Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS) of the American Association of Dental Schools and the Dental Matching Program. The application deadline is December 15th of the preceding year.

Specific application requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant must have completed or be in the process of completing a dental degree program at a school accredited by the American or Canadian Dental Association.

2. A letter of recommendation from a faculty in each of the following areas: restorative (operative), prosthodontics and periodontics. Recommendations should provide information regarding your academic and clinical abilities, as well as personal attributes and extra-curricular activities. (See the PASS application for specific instruction regarding letters of support).

3. The School does not charge a separate application fee for this program.

4. Our Program Codes are: Match: 2887 and PASS: 131

If you prefer not to use PASS, we require the following documents be sent directly to us: a current résumé, an essay explaining why you want to pursue postdoctoral dental education, letters of recommendation from a faculty in each of the following departments: restorative (operative), prosthodontics and periodontics; Part 1 National Dental Board Scores, Postdoctoral Match number; a self managed application at http://www.dental.pitt.edu/students/residency_programs.php#application and a certified dental school transcript(s) with class ranking. There is a $50 fee for processing the self managed application. Application deadline is December 15th.