

2025 International Medical Graduate (IMG) Primary Care Residency Grant Program Questions and Answers

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Q1. Would a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery residency program be eligible for this grant?

A1. No, this grant program is only for the following primary care specialties: family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and psychiatry.

Q2. Can a resident who applies for a J-1 visa waiver be eligible for this grant?

A2. No. IMG residents trained using these grant funds must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the [authorizing statute](#). See RFP section 2.2 for the eligibility criteria.

Q3. If our institution currently has a different grant from the MDH Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, may we also apply for this one?

A3. Yes, as long as the work proposed for this grant project is distinct from the work conducted under the other grant. If there are potential areas of overlap, the applicant should indicate how they will separate and track the work to make sure it is attributed to the correct funding source.

Q4. The maximum award for the IMG Primary Care Residency grant is \$390,000. If this is over 3 years, it would be \$130,000 per year. However, at times IMGs take four years to complete our residency program, so would an average of \$100,000 per slot over 4 years be acceptable?

A4. \$390,000 is the expected maximum award for one IMG Primary Care Residency grant. A four-year residency program may spread its award across the four years of an IMG resident's training.

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