

NYULMC Rusk Rehabilitation

The Rusk International Observership Program

Introduction

NYULMC Rusk Rehabilitation welcomes requests from around the world for physicians to visit our institution. We enjoy an outstanding international reputation for interdisciplinary education, research, and patient care across all areas of rehabilitation medicine.

Observers spend time on our facilities to learn both clinical processes and new advancements in rehabilitation research, as well as participate in classroom courses and lectures. Through this approach, visiting physicians are exposed to our renowned and highly distinguished rehabilitation physicians and practices.

Program Goal

Rusk Rehabilitation believes that an important goal of international collaborations is to exchange knowledge and develop and maintain relationships with physicians from around the world. We hope that our program will offer knowledge and insight into the layers and complexities of our leading rehabilitation care. Continued dialogue yields better and more comprehensive care across the world in the realm of rehabilitation medicine.

Eligibility and Program Fees

The visiting physician must be either a practicing physician, a resident in training or medical student. Individuals who are applying for residency or fellowship programs in the United States and its territories are **not eligible** for the observership program.

The observer must also have a command of the English language, and he/she is evaluated during a phone interview.

See Tuition Fee Schedule Below:

- **1 month** at a fee of \$1,500.00 (USD)
- **2 months** at a fee of \$2,500.00 (USD)
- **3 months** at a fee of \$3,500.00 (USD)

Policies

- Observers are eligible for assignment for a period of one month to three months, subjected to different fees. Special accommodations for longer rotations may be made on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to faculty availability.
- At the completion of training, all observers receive a certificate acknowledging their participation at Rusk Rehabilitation
- Each observership must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the department chairperson and/or Vice-Chair of Education
- The tuition fee includes: guidance by an assigned faculty member, participation in department activities and specialized rehabilitation programs, educational activities including grand rounds, journal club and lectures, access to the extensive literature at the Frederick L. Ehrman Medical Library
- All living and housing expenses are the responsibility of the observer and/or the sponsoring institution or government agency
- A formal letter of agreement must be signed between the observer and Rusk Rehabilitation
- The observer will have no patient contact whatsoever at all times during the observership
- No educational credit or stipend is given
- The application form and documents must be submitted at least 5 months (3 months for domestic applicants) prior to start of observership. Your request will take approximately 4 weeks to review for an admissions decision.

How to Apply

1. Please complete the online application at <http://www.med.nyu.edu/pmr/observership>
2. **APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 MONTHS (3 MONTHS FOR DOMESTIC APPLICANTS) PRIOR TO INTENDED OBSERVERSHIP START DATE. Upload the following documents through the online application:**
 - a. Curriculum Vitae
 - b. A Letter from the Director of your Hospital verifying that you are a physician on the Hospital Staff and that you are granted a Leave of Absence to join this Department. Also, your Director must state that you will be responsible for your financial support. Medical students must submit a letter from their dean indicating approval to participate in the observership program.
 - c. Copy of the medical school diploma or medical school transcript indicating graduation date

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3. Once reviewed and accepted, additional documents are emailed for completion for the Chief Medical Officer to give final approval. **We will send our decision within 4 weeks of your application submission.**