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MSTS Fellowship Recognition Timeline

ACMGE accredited programs: ACMGE accredited programs are automatically MSTS recognized. No action is needed except to maintain ACMGE accreditation per ACMGE rules and procedure.

Non-ACGME accredited programs: Programs that are not ACGME accredited may choose to apply for MSTS recognition through the MSTS recognition application process. The timeline for this process is outlined below.

Important Deadlines:

- July 5th, 2022. Start MSTS application for recognition by submitting Part I of application OR submit proof of starting ACGME accreditation application
- February 27th, 2023. Final MSTS application for recognition including fees and all supplemental information must be submitted to MSTS. This is not applicable to programs applying for ACGME accreditation
- July 3rd, 2023. Full ACGME accreditation must be achieved for programs not submitting MSTS application for recognition.

2022 Match Cycle

All fellows who match in the 2022 Match cycle (Fellowship training dates 2023-2024) will be considered eligible for Active MSTS membership.

2023 Match Cycle

Starting with 2023 Match cycle (applications open Aug 2022 and Match in April 2023) programs must participate in the MSTS fellowship recognition process in order to participate in the SF Match. Fellows who wish to become Active Members in the MSTS must graduate from an MSTS recognized fellowship.

Participation in the MSTS recognition process for the 2022-2023 Match cycle year is defined as follows:

1. Programs must start the MSTS Recognition applications by July 5th, 2022.
 - a. For programs that seek MSTS pathway recognition, the minimum required to fulfill this requirement is complete "Part I: Background and Personnel" of the application.



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- b. Programs that wish to gain ACGME accreditation must submit proof of starting the ACGME accreditation process. A letter from the ACGME, institution DIO, email confirmation of application submission, or other official document that confirms the start the of the ACMGE application process will fulfill this requirement.
2. Programs that are pursuing MSTS pathway recognition must submit final completed application and fees to the MSTS by February 27th, 2023 9 PM Pacific Time.
3. Programs that pursue ACGME accreditation, rather than MSTS application for recognition, must achieve full ACGME accreditation by July 3rd, 2023.
4. In the scenario that programs are denied approval for MSTS recognition (denied either MSTS Application or ACGME accreditation) prior to the April 3, 2023 deadline the following apply:
 - a. Their fellow who graduates in 2024 will not be penalized. The fellow will be eligible for Active Membership
 - b. The Program will not be eligible to participate in the fellowship match for the 2024 Match cycle. The program may reapply the for the subsequent year.

2024 and future Match Cycles

Starting with the 2024 Match cycle, (applications open Aug 2023 and Match in April 2024), and moving forward programs must participate in the MSTS fellowship recognition process for their graduating fellows to be eligible for active membership into the MSTS.

Participation in the MSTS recognition process for the 2023-2024 Match Cycle and future years is defined as follows:

1. Already completed and approved MSTS Recognition or ACGME accreditation in the year(s) prior.
2. Programs not already approved and who seek MSTS pathway recognition rather than ACGME accreditation must submit completed application with all required documents by January 31 of the year that applications open; for example, for the 2024 match cycle applications for new programs are due January 31 2023 in anticipation of participating in the SF Match/Central Application Service starting August 2023 for match to take place April 2024. The MSTS fellowship committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for approval of fellowships. Estimated time from submission of application to final approval decision is 3 months.
3. For new programs wishing to pursue ACGME accreditation: the program must have full ACGME approval by July 1st of the year in which applications open for that cycle; for example, ACGME approval is needed by July 1st 2023 in order to be participate the SF Match/Central Application Service starting August 2023 for match to take place April 2024.



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