



# **Training Program Directors (PACES-TPD) Agreement**

## **Common Offer Notification Date**

## **for EP Fellowship Applicants**

### **Background:**

The application process for pediatric cardiology subspecialty fellowships, such as pediatric electrophysiology (EP), has historically been unorganized and institution dependent due to the fact that subspecialty fellowships are not governed by the ACGME (outside of ACHD). It is difficult for applicants to learn how or when to apply for fellowships given that each EP fellowship training program has their own process and timeline for reviewing applications and offering positions. Those training at an institution without subspecialty fellowships are particularly disadvantaged due to this lack of transparency. As such, the Society for Pediatric Cardiology Training Program Directors (SPCTPD) is calling for improved transparency and standardization of the application process for all pediatric cardiology subspecialty fellowships.

### **Purpose:**

To improve transparency for EP fellowship training applicants and provide fellowship applicants opportunity to interview at multiple training programs on a standardized application timeline/process.

### **Common Offer Notification Date and Time:**

The common offer notification date and time will be around the first week in September preceding to the academic fellowship year being applied for. The exact date and time will be announced in January of that year and posted on the PACES website

### **Method of Offer Notification:**

Offers can be made to applicants by any means determined by institution (ex: by phone, by email, or both)



**Agreement Terms:**

1. No offer, either unofficial or official, will be made to any EP fellowship applicants prior to the Common Offer Notification Date and Time.
2. The Common Offer Notification Date and Time is not applicable if an institution would like to offer an EP fellowship position to one of their own candidates from within their institution. An offer to an internal candidate can be made at any time.
3. The Common Offer Notification Date and Time is not applicable if an institution would like to offer an EP fellowship position to a candidate with their own funding from an outside source. An offer to a candidate with funding from an outside source can be made at any time.
4. The Common Offer Notification Date and Time is not applicable if the funded fellowship position is reserved exclusively for non-traditional EP training (such as dedicated inherited arrhythmia training)
5. Applicants have 24 hours to accept or decline a fellowship offer. Once an applicant accepts a fellowship offer, the applicant is responsible for immediately declining any other offers received, even if it is prior to 24 hours from receiving the offer.
6. If/When an offer is declined by an applicant, the institution can then extend an offer to another desired applicant who will then have 24 hours to accept or decline the offer.
7. Offers cannot be made to an applicant unless the institution has funding and can guarantee the fellowship position at the time the offer is made.
8. Program directors will notify the Chair of PACES-TPD to confirm that their institution has funding and will be offering an EP fellowship position or if positions have been filled by internal candidates. The status of an institution will be updated on the PACES website as Pending Funding/Spots available/Spots Filled/Not participating. The status will be updated on a rolling basis but mandatory updates from all institutions will be given by 24 hours preceding the Common Offer Date and Time.
9. Once an applicant has accepted a fellowship position, the institution will notify the Chair of the PACES-TPD and communicate to their other applicants that their position is filled.



The Following PACES EP Fellowship Training Programs agree to abide by the outlined terms and are committed to upholding this agreement.

### **US Programs**

#### **East Coast US Programs**

Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School	Audrey Dionne
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania	Maully Shah
Children's National Hospital, George Washington University	Elizabeth Sherwin
Duke Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center, Duke University School of Medicine	Zeb Spector
Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital, Medical University of South Carolina	Nicole Cain
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	Peter Fischbach

#### **Central US Programs**

Children's Hospital Colorado	Kathryn Collins
Cincinnati Children's Hospital, University of Cincinnati	David Spar
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine	Akash Patel
C. S. Mott Children's Hospital, University of Michigan	David Bradley
Dallas Children's Medical Center, University of Texas Southwestern	Hoang Nguyen
Lurie Children's Hospital, Northwestern University	Sami Chaouki
Primary Children's Hospital, University of Utah	Thomas Pilcher
Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine	Santiago Valdes
Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Vanderbilt University	Frank A. Fish
University of Iowa Health Care, Stead Family Children's Hospital	Ben Hale

#### **West Coast US Programs**

Benioff Children's Hospital, UCSF	Ronn Tanel
Children's Hospital Los Angeles, University of Southern California	Yaniv Bar-Cohen
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Stanford University	Kara Motonaga
Rady Children's Hospital, UC San Diego	Matt Williams

### **International Programs:**

#### **Australia**

The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, University of Melbourne	Andreas Pflaumer
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#### **Canada**

CHU Ste-Justine, University of Montréal	Cecilia Gonzalez Corcia
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto	Elizabeth Stephenson

#### **Europe**

University Medical Center, Georg-August-University, Göttingen	Thomas Paul
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#### **Middle East**

Rajaie cardiovascular medicine, Iran University Medical Association	Rafi Khorgami
Tepecik Training and Research Hospital, Izmir Katip Celebi University	Cem Karadeniz