Dear Doctor:

We appreciate your interest in the training program in Cardiovascular Disease at Oregon Health & Science University.

The overall aim of the general cardiology fellowship is to train outstanding clinicians in the field of cardiovascular medicine, to nurture interest in scientific investigation, and to help trainees reach their ultimate career goals. The cardiovascular fellowship is a three-year accredited program. However, a four-year curriculum that includes expanded research activities is encouraged as part of our goal of training cardiovascular clinician-scientists for the future. Clinical training for the fellowship is performed at the hospitals of OHSU and the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center and generally preoccupies the first two years of fellowship. The content of the clinical years will vary depending on the specific interests of the trainees, but will be structured to satisfy the components for clinical training as recommended by the ACGME. A research component is a requirement for all trainees, and generally encompasses much of the last two years of fellowship. Selection of a research mentor, based on research interests, should occur in the first year. Advanced clinical training (a fifth year) is also possible in electrophysiology, cardiovascular imaging, adult congenital heart disease and heart failure/heart transplantation.

**Application Procedures**

Applications are currently being accepted for positions beginning July 1, 2012, from candidates who have completed three years of training in an ACGME-accredited Internal Medicine Residency Program. Priority will be given to applicants with plans to prepare for an academic career and a commitment to investigation. We will be participating in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) for applications this year; procedures for ERAS applications can be found at [http://www.aamc.org/audienceeras.htm](http://www.aamc.org/audienceeras.htm).
Please be prepared to attach the following items to your ERAS application:

- CV
- Copy of medical school transcript,
- Copy of your medical school Dean’s letter/MSPE,
- Letter from program director of your first post-graduate year and any subsequent training,
- Personal statement,
- USMLE transcript,
- ECFMG certificate (if applicable),
- Letters from any physicians and medical scientists who know you well, and
- Photograph.

The deadline for applications to our program is Friday, December 31, 2010. Interviews are scheduled after review of the completed application forms, transcripts, and letters of recommendation. We plan to begin interviewing applicants in February 2011. Applicants will be contacted with an invitation to interview. Our program does sponsor international visas.

Again, thank you for your interest in our training program. More information on OHSU faculty, research activities, and environment are available on our website at http://heart.ohsu.edu/. Please direct any questions regarding your application to Susie Diamond, Education and Training Program Manager, 503-494-3891 or email diamonds@ohsu.edu.

Sincerely,

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