

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While program coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the program director, manages day-to-day program operations, and is actively involved in the program's ACGME-related functions. This award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve graduate medical education (GME).



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Nominators had this to say:

"With her unique background in educational evaluation, Maria's expertise has allowed us to keep the internal medicine residency, one of if not the largest in the Mass General Brigham health care system, at the cutting edge of medical education innovation and recruitment."

"For the chief residents, she oriented us at the beginning of our respective tenures and made us feel welcome as a part of the administration. She developed a chief resident curriculum to help us understand the financial operations of the residency, as well as other complexities of administration, including accreditation, visa considerations, and [education and] training oversight. She is always willing to educate us on additional topics of interest. This selfless devotion of time and effort outside of her regular interactions with us not only illustrates her care but also her dedication to help prepare us for careers in medical education and administration beyond our tenure as chief residents."

"One example that highlights Maria's range of skills, vision, leadership, and institutional savviness is her instrumental role in the creation of our Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) curriculum. Maria recognized that this was an important area of growth for our [residents] and helped me recruit a POCUS expert from another institution. This involved cajoling multiple administrators to allow for his temporary credentialing and the use of creative finances to coordinate payment for his services. Maria also proved to be incredibly astute in the purchase of portable ultrasound probes by buying probes before various funds expired and negotiating with the company to achieve sizable savings."