

2025 Forensic Pathology Advanced Training Grant - List of participating ACGME Fellowship Programs

ME Office Site	Contact	Rotation Time Frame	ME Office specific requirements	Additional Opportunities/Exposure to:
Allegheny County Office of the Medical Examiner (Pittsburgh, PA)	Ariel Goldschmidt, MD ariel.goldschmidt@alleghenycounty.us	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	Awardee would need a PA medical license to do autopsies; otherwise, the experience would be purely observational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full Forensic Laboratory, offering the awardee exposure to Forensic Disciplines such as Trace Evidence, Forensic Biology etc. • office is centrally located in a prime location in Pittsburgh
Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Farmington, CT)	James Gill, MD jgill@ocme.org	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee (excluding the months of July and August)	Letter of Reference (LOR) from pathology program director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broad exposure to forensic pathology cases (over 3000 per year in one office) • scene investigations • possible court testimony
Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (Cleveland, OH)	Joseph Felo, DO jfelo@cuyahogacounty.us	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee (September through December)	Ohio state medical license preferred but not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all forensic science disciplines including death investigation, toxicology, trace evidence, drug chemistry, ballistics, photography, fingerprints, death investigation scene visits • all forensic science disciplines are physically housed within the Medical Examiner's Office building. Daily informal and weekly formal didactic opportunities. • a full complement of staff forensic pathologists with various levels of experience including formal training in cardiac, pediatric, neuropathologic, and anthropologic pathology.

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Denver Office of the Medical Examiner (Denver, CO)	Ilan Puffenberger, MD mailto:ian.puffenberger@denvergov.org	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee (excluding the month of July)	Local state medical license and active malpractice insurance if awardee wants to take on cases of their own.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> good mix of newer and more seasoned pathologists
Georgia Bureau of Investigation (Decatur, GA)	Rachel Geller, MD rachel.geller@gbi.ga.gov	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	Georgia license/Georgia Temporary Training Permit Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with training program GBI Facilities and Access form completion with associated background check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pediatric pathology/child abuse investigative support center (consultations for live patients) formal legal curriculum and on-site mock courtroom possible court testimony observation potential exposure to Savannah and Macon regional laboratories if interested on-site exposure to crime lab (firearms/trace evidence /toxicology /serology) scene investigation LODOX and CT scanners mentoring, research opportunities the GBI office in Decatur is minutes from the excitement of Atlanta and the restaurants and shops of Decatur Square/Oakhurst
Hennepin County Medical Examiner (Minneapolis, MN)	Andrew Baker, MD andrew.baker@hennepin.us	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee (excluding the months of July and August)	Awardee would need a MN medical license to do autopsies; otherwise, the experience would be purely observational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> new, state of the art facility that opened January 2022 CT imaging, neuropathology on site forensic anthropologist added in 2024

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Marion County Coroner's Office/Indiana University School of Medicine (Indianapolis, IN)	Christopher K. Poulos, MD christopher.poulos@indy.gov	October through December	Must have malpractice insurance and supporting institution must provide liability insurance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> great case variety
Maryland Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Baltimore, MD)	Stephanie Dean, MD deans@ocmemd.org	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with awardee affiliated University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> neuropathology, and cardiac pathology scene investigations possible court testimony observation LODOX and CT scanners great case variety and exposure; one of the longest running forensic pathology fellowship programs in the US.
Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston, SC)	Nick Batalis, MD batalini@musc.edu	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	<p>South Carolina medical license</p> <p>MUSC form completion with associated background check</p> <p>An affiliation agreement with awardee residency program</p>	
Milwaukee County Medical Examiner Office (Milwaukee, WI)	Lauren Decker, MD lauren.decker@milwaukeecountywi.gov	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> courtroom viewing, going to scenes

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Office of Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York (New York City, NY)	Alex K Williamson, MD alwilliamson@ocme.nyc.gov	January through April; October through December	A DNA sample via buccal swab will be collected the first day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> specialized expertise in cardiovascular, neurologic, and pediatric pathology in-house CAP-accredited molecular genetics laboratory observe court testimony, as available visit death scenes with medicolegal investigators, as available daily lectures for students and residents; weekly Grand Rounds presentations
North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Raleigh, NC)	Craig Nelson, MD craig.nelson@dhhs.nc.gov	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	Coverage for bloodborne pathogen exposure if participating in autopsies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> autopsies (if awardee has bloodborne pathogen exposure coverage) central North Carolina offers a broad mix of urban and rural environments with immense case variety energetic staff with strong teaching background for interested residents
State of Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Oklahoma City, OK)	fellowship@ocme.ok.gov	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in-house toxicology, anthropology, neuropathology (as of July 2024) LODOX and CT scanners

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State of Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Tulsa, OK)	fellowship@ocme.ok.gov	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in-house toxicology, anthropology, neuropathology (as of July 2024) • LODOX and CT scanners
Tarrant County Medical Examiners Office (Dallas, TX)	Kendall Von Crowns, MD Kvcrowns@tarrantcounty.com	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	Background check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on site crime lab and toxicology lab that awardee can rotate through • case load is a mix of urban and rural cases; awardee will see not only homicides related to gang violence but also accidents related to farming • LODOX • eleven staff pathologists with an average experience level of 15 years
Tidewater Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Norfolk, VA)	Nicole Masian, MD nicole.masian@vdh.virginia.gov	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee	Local state medical license and active malpractice insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff who love to teach • staff with pediatric pathology expertise; office tends to get a high number of pediatric cases. • lectures and one-on-one instruction, • awardee will be encouraged to write abstracts/papers
West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center (Memphis, TN)	Erica Curry, MD mailto:erica.curry@shelbycountyttn.gov	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee (excluding the months of June, July, and August)	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forensic anthropology and odontology examinations • direct experience working with an anthropologist and access to a simulation center

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Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office (partnered with Wayne State University / Detroit Medical Center)	Leigh Hlavaty, MD Lhlavaty@waynecounty.com	Mutually agreeable with ME site and awardee (excluding July and August)	Michigan Medical License; official letter of good standing and recommendation from program director; respirator fit testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special dissection techniques, LODOX training, scene investigation, observation of court testimony • an extensive collection of learning materials including unknowns and manuals, large and diverse caseload, and part of a large team of staff and rotators from multiple learner groups. • WCMEO is proud to be home to one of the oldest ACGME accredited fellowships, with and without academic partners. Our location in Detroit allows us our large and diverse caseload from undiagnosed diseases to new drug trends to complicated traumatic deaths.