

ACP GUIDED FELLOWSHIP ORIENTATION QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Accepted abstracts in ACP and ATS would count as one activity or two?

ANSWER: Two separate acceptances.

QUESTION: For someone who is doing a one-year non-ACGME fellowship, can they get any credit for that? If someone is doing a three-year subspecialty fellowship after IM, how should they approach the Guided Fellowship in comparison to someone who starts practicing IM?

ANSWER: All time spent in accredited as well as non-accredited fellowship counts towards Guided Fellowship, same as in practice of medicine. Accredited fellowship additionally counts towards professional development points.

QUESTION: Can we include CME from Seek question banks?

ANSWER: Question bank is from American College of Chest Physicians, so yes, they would count.

QUESTION: I graduated summer 2022; Can my research work during residency be included as points?

ANSWER: Only work post residency counts.

QUESTION: How is it different to do the same activities without the Guided Fellowship commitment vs. using the guided program? Will we have access to anything special?

ANSWER: Waives the requirement of sponsor letters and is a structured process with ongoing feedback.

QUESTION: I graduated two years ago and have activities in the last two years that could count towards the fellowship. But since it's not within the last six months, these cannot be used for points? Is that correct?

ANSWER: You may want to pursue the non-Guided Fellowship path for activities to count.

QUESTION: Is it fine to send my Master's degree information before residency along with my scholar activities before residency to the guided FACP email for approval before adding them to my log?

ANSWER: Yes Master's degree will be acknowledged.

QUESTION: For teaching, as an attending hospitalist, I will be working with and teaching both physician-assistant students and will also work with family medicine residents as well. Would these qualify for points?

ANSWER: Yes, all teaching counts and is not limited to teaching only in IM. Additionally, teaching allied health professionals also counts.

QUESTION: For the clinical and didactic teaching of students and residents is this qualitative or quantitative. If quantitative how many hours are considered appropriate for submission?

ANSWER: Qualitative.

QUESTION: Can you clarify a bit how "progression in leadership growth" is defined over the three years? Is this a subjective assessment from local ACP leadership? Is it possible to acquire 100 points without achieving the fellowship title?

ANSWER: It is the trajectory of professional growth. Objective information. For example, if you participate in a one-time community service event in Year One, by Year Three you should be on the event planning committee. Alternatively, you should progress from being a consumer of education (for example, CME) in Year One to teaching or scholarly endeavors in Year Three. One may attain 100 points in two years, but you must complete the three-year program.

QUESTION: If I graduated in Fall 2021 and am currently doing a nephrology fellowship, do I qualify for this Guided Fellowship this year?

ANSWER: Yes, you meet the criteria. You must have completed residency training by June 30, 2022, and your membership renewed through June 30, 2023, to be eligible.

QUESTION: Do activities completed during a chief year after residency count for points?

ANSWER: Yes, the points earned during a PGY4 chief year count. The ACP Guided Fellowship Program begins in the January following the end of your training, activities should be tracked beginning July 1 following the end of your Internal Medicine residency.

QUESTION: Do we have to obtain points in each category or 100 points regardless of type of activity.

ANSWER: In order to earn points, your efforts should total 100 points over the course of the three years. Year One, earn 20-30 points; Year Two earn 30-40 points, and Year Three earn 35-55 points.

QUESTION: If we are teaching residents multiple times per week, can we count that activity multiple times?

ANSWER: Within the Teaching domain, you may claim 5 points once per year for each of the clinical teaching; didactic teaching; and mentorship activities. As an example, the maximum number of points over three years for Didactic Teaching of Medical Students would be 15 points.

QUESTION: I graduated and became board certified in 2022. I work in a small clinic and am active duty. For the Guided Fellowship program, the requirements need to be verified by a FACP physician. My question is that I am the only IM physician in my clinic, is there a way someone at ACP can verify my activities? Since there is no other IM physician here.

ANSWER: Points are entered into the dashboard by participants on an honor system. An updated CV will be requested of program participants. A contact at your clinic is not required to verify activities.

QUESTION: Can one activity count under two different categories? For example, I am part of an editorial board for a major medical journal, there is an activity for editorial board in leadership, also an activity for editor under scholarly activities

ANSWER: No, the same activity cannot be counted twice.

QUESTION: Do activities completed prior to residency count toward Guided Fellowship?

ANSWER: The Guided Fellowship Program supports the professional development of early career physicians post-residency. Therefore, activities or work completed during residency cannot be applied to the program requirements.

QUESTION: Does a master's degree completed prior to residency count toward Guided Fellowship?

ANSWER: If you attained an advanced degree prior to completing residency, such as an MBA, JD, MS, or MPH, you may claim this as a one-time activity and receive points toward program completion. All scholarly work done prior to residency also should be included in the CV, which can be uploaded to the Guided Fellowship Dashboard.