

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While program coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to those who support the program director, manage day-to-day program operations, and are actively involved in the program's ACGME-related functions. The Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence 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:

"Ms. Leonard has impressive knowledge and expertise in the full spectrum of program management skills, as well as her understanding of the ACGME Requirements. Recently she has enhanced her leadership skills by teaching a variety of courses regarding aspects of ACGME Requirements (Milestones, CLER, etc.) for our Program Coordinator Professional Development series, and thereby earning the

highest level of achievement in that program—the Gold Level. She exemplifies the gold standard."

"In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and fluctuating schedules, Jodi went out of her way to learn new technology platforms for resident conferencing. She managed to teach us all how to effectively utilize them and brought us together on a daily basis when we were most at risk for feeling isolated and losing our didactic sessions. It is this creativity, quick thinking, and care for others that makes Jodi truly stand apart."

"Jodi is a leader for many of our program's accreditation processes and committees and operates with a mindset of continuous process and program improvement. She has streamlined our PEC and CCC meetings. She manages our recruitment effort, developing systems and processes for data management to ensure our application review, interviews, and selection process all run smoothly. Jodi is committed to increasing diversity in our program and serves on the OHSU GMEC Diversity Committee. She shepherds the PLA process for our trainees seeking global health or off-campus elective experiences. Under her leadership, the Pediatric Trainee Research Night has grown into a celebration of scholarly work by all levels of trainees and has become a highlight of our academic calendar."