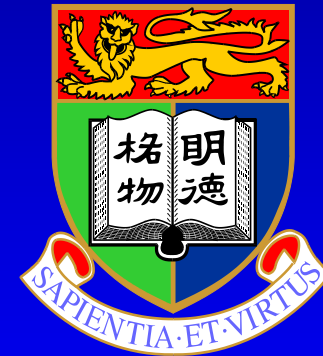


Research requirements for HKCOG specialist trainees



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Research

- Formal research experience is a requirement for training towards FHKAM (O & G).
- Minimal research requirements during training in O & G stated in “*Mandatory Research Activity during Training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology*” (with effect from 1st July 2007)

Four categories of trainees

1. Trainees who will be applying for an elective period (6-12 months) of training in research
2. Trainees who do not intend to do an elective period in research
3. Trainees recruited before 1st July 1998 will not undertake elective training in research
4. Trainees with a research degree if the degree has an original research component and is in the field of clinical medicine.

Category 1

1. Attend the College Research Course
2. Submit the research proposal and programme to the Education Committee for assessment not <3 months before their elective training. If the revised submission has not been received by the Education Committee within 1 month of the commencement of Elective Training, the Elective Training may not be recognised.

Category 1

3. The elective period in research should have protected time for research.
4. Clinical work undertaken within this period should only be related to research.
5. Trainees doing research should not do night duty more than normal trainees.

Category 1

6. Following the completion of Elective Training, the trainee should **submit the final report** within 3 months. Only when the Education Committee accepts the report as satisfactory could the trainee then proceed to apply to sit the next available Exit Assessment.

Category 2A

1. Attend the College Research Course
2. Personally in charge of at least 1 “acceptable” research project during the training.
3. Must result in a **publication** (or acceptance for publication) **in a peer-reviewed** local, regional or international medical journal. The trainee must be the **first author** of the publication.

Category 2B

1. Attend the College Research Course
2. Personally *oversee* (be in charge) of at least 1 worthwhile research project during the training
3. Submit the **research proposal** to the Education Committee at least 12 months prior to their Exit Assessment. The projects should be completed in time for the **final report** to be submitted to the Education Committee at least 3 months before their Exit Assessment.

Category 2B

4. The final report including all outputs should be submitted to the Educational Committee for assessment by the Research Subcommittee at least 3 months before their Exit Assessment.
5. Should the work not be published, it must be written up in the form of a publication (in original paper format) and submitted to the Research Committee.

Questions & Answers