Need Accomodations During Your Residency Interviews?

Check out Alumni HOSTs!

The MCV Alumni Association and the School of Medicine’s Alumni and Development Office offers the HOST program around the United States. The HOST program, Help Our Students Travel, matches students with alumni who are willing to provide a free place to stay as well as offer invaluable advice about residency training, the prospective medical center and the community.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**How many times may students use the HOST program?** Students may use the program at least one time, but additional use may not be possible depending on availability.

**How do students sign up for the HOST program?** Fill out the Student Request Form as soon as possible so the Alumni Office can have as much time as possible to contact and find a host for you. At least two to three weeks may be needed.

**Who are the HOST volunteers?** All hosts are MCV Campus School of Medicine alumni.

**Are spouses able to accompany students who are staying with a HOST?** Many hosts welcome spouses, but this is something that the student should discuss with his/her host.

**Are HOST accommodations available for more than one night?** Absolutely, but the length of stay is something that the student should discuss with his/her host.

**What is expected from the HOST?** The alumni hosts will provide overnight accommodations in their home for you. Transportation to and from the interview city and during the interview is the responsibility of the student.

**What’s the process?** After you have completed the Student Request form, the Alumni Office will contact the alumni host about their availability. We will then provide you with contact information. It is up to you to contact your host and share the details of your travel and interview plans and arrange your stay. We ask that you contact the host as soon as we give you their information so they know that you are definitely staying with them. If plans change or your travel is cancelled, please follow up with the host and also contact the Alumni Office at 628.2248.

**Do students need to do anything after returning from using the HOST program?** Yes, students are asked to write a thank you note to your host. The Alumni Office would also like to hear about your stay -you might even be featured in an upcoming publication!

More Questions? Contact Jodi T. Smith, Director of Alumni Engagement for the School of Medicine
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