

GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award



While institutional coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the designated institutional official (DIO), manages the day-to-day operations of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office, and is actively involved in the ACGME-related functions of the institution. This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates in-depth knowledge of GME and skillfully manages the multiple roles of administrator, counselor, enforcer, coordinator, organizer, and scheduler.



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Nominators had this to say:

“Upon starting in the GME office, Bethany was assigned to review the Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) pathways and improve our focus on these measures. She recognized the lack of centralization and worked to dramatically refocus the DIO and GME office on the important interaction with our two primary clinical hospital sites. She created the CLER Resident Workshop Series, several annual four-hour interactive, interdisciplinary workshops to teach 100+ residents. As the planner, she continues to systematically cover the CLER curriculum, including sessions led by the hospital patient safety directors and political/social leaders in our region. Some of the unique wellness speakers she invited included the physical therapists that taught techniques for stretching after a long day on a computer. The facilitation of many direct activities supporting accreditation standards while emphasizing innovative GME improvements, has created value-added services for our educational affiliates, not just ‘checked the box’ for educational requirements.”

“Bethany is highly organized, driven, [and] detail-attentive; she considers all aspects of an issue, personalizing the solutions related to each residency, while upholding a tenacious compliance with existing policies. She provides astute resolutions to multifaceted situations: budgetary, curricular, regulatory, and compliance. With her overarching roles within the GME office, Bethany has created innovative funding of scholarly projects, excellent support for new residency positions, and practical algorithms for performance improvement.”