

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While program coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the program director, manages day-to-day program operations, and is 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 GME.



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Nominators had this to say:

“Bernadett is extremely adept at navigating the graduate medical education system and guiding fellows at every step of the way, from orienting them to a new city to supporting them as they find the next step in their training and careers. What truly sets her apart is her genuine interest in fellow well-being. I was an ICU fellow when the COVID-19 pandemic first began, and all administrative staff switched to working remotely. This was a big change for Bernadett who always had her office door open for us to walk in, chat about life, or just share about our day. While we couldn't just pop into her office anymore, she would leave uplifting notes in our mailboxes and email and text us periodically to check-in and support us during this very stressful time.”

“I have worked closely with Bernadett to implement a comprehensive wellness program for our anesthesiology fellows. Bernadett has grown this program to another level. Because she works so closely with the fellows and gets to know them well, she sees the great need for robust wellbeing initiatives among trainees. Even prior to COVID-19, she was advocating for and organizing fellowship-wide wellbeing events to provide our fellows with a cohesive training experience.”