

# Infectious Diseases Selection Information

## RMO Campaign 2023

Positions will be allocated according to assessment of **cover letter, curriculum vitae (CV), referee reports, and interview. A short cover letter (no longer than 1 page) addressing the selection criteria below is required.** A standardised CV template is available (Queensland Infectious Diseases Advanced Training Network RMO campaign website) for use when applying for Infectious Diseases Advanced training. Applications for consideration regarding difficulties with potential rotations to specific hospitals will be considered within reason. However, training in one particular location cannot be guaranteed.

While applications from trainees who preference Infectious Diseases in any position will be considered, given the competitive nature of the selection process it is likely that only trainees that preference Infectious Diseases (or Microbiology) higher in their preference list (possibly only first) will be given preference. Therefore, it is recommended that if your desire is to gain entry to Infectious Diseases advanced training then you should make an Infectious Diseases advanced training position (at any location) your first preference. Applicants that preference Microbiology first and Infectious Diseases second will be considered equally.

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate and provide evidence of the following **selection criteria:**

- Dedication and commitment to a career as an infectious diseases physician
- Excellent communication skills with patients, family and healthcare professionals
- Teamwork and leadership skills
- Teaching, research and quality improvement activities particularly with relevance to infectious diseases
- Organisation and time management

Once selected it is anticipated that 2 core years of training will be provided. Allocations will be made for second year positions depending on training requirements but, once again, placement at a particular hospital cannot be guaranteed. Training outside of Brisbane is likely to be required. Generally, once on the training program in Queensland, trainees will be allocated 12 months of core training at a larger facility and 12 months of core training in a smaller location. This is to ensure a rounded exposure to a variety of Infectious Diseases as well as a variety of supervisors. In some circumstances, trainees may require less than 12 months of core training. In general positions will not be less than 6 months duration and the network is unable to guarantee that part year training will be allocated to the first part of the year (including for continuing advanced trainees).

A microbiology training position to meet RACP training requirements is not guaranteed upon entry to Infectious Diseases training or allocated by the Queensland Infectious Diseases Advanced Training Network and remains the responsibility of the trainee to arrange with the relevant potential supervisors in Microbiology. Trainees

should refer to the [Infectious Diseases RACP](#) website for information regarding options around microbiology training.

Non core training is also not allocated by the Queensland Infectious Diseases Advanced Training Network and remains the responsibility of the trainee.

There are a number of positions not currently part of accredited Infectious Diseases training that trainees may be fortunate enough to fill that provide invaluable exposure to Infectious Diseases. Successfully occupying one of these positions does not guarantee entry onto the actual training program and the process as described in this document still needs to follow. Similarly, for candidates on training programs interstate the process as described must still be followed and interstate trainees will be considered equally with new applicants.

Prospective trainees are not required to contact individual units Clinical Directors to discuss opportunities. In 2022 there will be a virtual “Job Fair” (7 June 1730 Teams Meeting [Click here to join the meeting](#) – please check this website on the day of the meeting in case the link has changed), where each unit will provide a short presentation on their opportunities and candidates will be able to ask questions. It is preferable that contact with Clinical Directors regarding a candidate’s prospective application does not occur outside of the job fair.

In the event the RACP Divisional Clinical Examination is delayed until after the Queensland Health RMO Campaign selection process, for Provisional Advanced Trainees that are successful in the selection process a provisional offer will be made that is dependent on success at the DCE. If the trainee is unsuccessful at the DCE the offer will be withdrawn. This information is current as of April 2022 and may change. Further information will be published on the RMO campaign website.