

## **FAQs for AIRE Pilot Program Applications**

### **1. How much time and effort must a fellow participating in the Part Time pilot devote to Sleep Medicine Fellowship training?**

For the Part-Time pilot, each participating fellow must complete a total of at least 11 months of fellowship training in Sleep Medicine training. This Sleep Medicine training time and effort can be spread out over up to 2 years. Each program can determine the optimal way to meet this requirement at their local institution.

### **2. How much time and effort must a fellow participating in the Blended pilot devote to Sleep Medicine Fellowship training?**

For the Blended pilot, each participating fellow must complete a total of at least 11 months of fellowship training in Sleep Medicine training. Participating programs have flexibility regarding how this required training time and effort in Sleep Medicine is combined with pediatric pulmonary, adult pulmonary, or adult pulmonary/critical care training. Ideally, the blended training program would be designed to occur within a total span of 3 years, but may be extended to a total of 4 years if required for the fellow to achieve competency.

### **3. For the Blended pilot, is there allowed overlap of training requirements for Pulmonary/Critical Care and Sleep Medicine?**

Our understanding is that overlap of training rotations will be allowed when there is overlap of milestone requirements between specialties. However, each program will need to detail how this will take place within their educational curriculum, and would be subject to approval by the selection committee, ACGME, and appropriate oversight board (ABIM or ABP).

### **4. For the Blended pilot, can Sleep Medicine and Pulmonary (adult or pediatric) be combined and the program be completed in less than 3 years?**

No, the minimum duration for the blended model must be at least 3 years.

### **5. How much funding will my program receive if I participate in the Part-Time model?**

For Part-time pilot, each participating institution will receive up to \$100,000 in total over the course of 2 years (or approximately \$50,000/year over two years). This money is meant to help defray the salary and fringe related to training the fellow for the equivalent of one full year.

**6. How much funding will my program receive if I participate in the Blended model?**

For the Blended pilot, each participating institution will receive \$10,000/year for the first 3 years of participation. If the fellow achieves competence in both pulmonary (adult or pediatric) and sleep medicine within the first three years, the program will be allowed to keep the \$30,000 provided in the initial phase of the award, but will not be provided with additional funding. If the fellow does not achieve competence in Sleep Medicine or their primary pulmonary program within 3 years, the AASM will provide up to \$100,000 to help defray the expense of up to one year of additional year of fellowship training.

**7. Can I apply for both the Blended and Part-Time models?**

Yes, you can submit applications for both models. However, we do not anticipate that any one institution will be selected for both pilot programs.

**8. Will participating fellows be allowed to sit for the Sleep Medicine board exam?**

Yes, the ABIM, ABPN, and ABP will allow approved participants in the Part-Time model to sit for the Sleep Medicine Board exam. The ABIM and ABP will also allow approved participants in the Blended model to sit for the Sleep Medicine board exam. Diplomates of the ABPN cannot participate in the Blended model.