HOST Program Guidelines

The HOST program matches alumni with fourth-year medical students who are seeking information about residency training programs information about the city. Many volunteers offer to host a student for a one- or two-day stay, typically during the months of October through January.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the responsibilities of an Alumni HOST?
Alumni who volunteer to be a HOST may do one or more of the following:

- Provide overnight accommodations for student.
- Meals, transportation, and tours may be offered by the hosting alumni.
- Provide information to students who have questions about the residency program or the community where they are interviewing.

Who are the HOST volunteers?
HOST volunteers are Johns Hopkins School of Medicine alumni, former fellows or residents.

Where are HOSTs available?
For this initial pilot program, we have coordinated hosts from Boston, New York, Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Philadelphia and the San Francisco Bay Area.

How can I contact my HOST / Student?
The Office of Alumni Relations will connect the student and the alumni together to make the initial introduction. It is then up to the student to contact the HOST, to thank them for being the host, exchange contact details and other important information.

How far in advance should I contact my host?
We recommend that you contact your host as soon as the match has been made and you have their contact details. The quicker you contact them the easier it is for your host to prepare your visit.

What happens if travel or interview plans change or get cancelled?
We understand that there might be some last minute change of plans. In these circumstances please let your host know, as well as the alumni office so that we can make alternative arrangements. The sooner the better!

What happens if I can no longer host?
In some circumstances the time frame maybe too short to organize logistics for hosting and in these situations we would appreciate it if you could inform the student as well as the alumni relations team if you are unable to host.
Do I need to do anything after participating in the HOST program?
Yes, we ask students to send a thank you note to their alumni hosts. Students are also welcome to take a thank you gift to the alumni host during their visit. We also encourage students and alumni hosts to take a photo together and submit a Host Program evaluation form: student | host.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the HOST program?
Please contact Shannon Corr from the Alumni Relations team at scorr1@jhmi.edu or 410.361.6535.

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