



Become a DIRTI

Distinction in Radiology Track Instructor

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What is the AMSER DIRT Program?

The AMSER Distinction in Radiology Track (DIRT) is a structured, nationally recognized program designed to give medical students a strong foundation in radiology — regardless of their intended specialty. Through mentorship, scholarly activity, asynchronous coursework, and clinical experience, students develop core imaging knowledge, responsible decision-making skills, and exposure to leadership and service. The program is guided by dedicated mentors known as Distinction in Radiology Instructors (DIRTIs).



National Recognition

A nationally recognized program under AMSER, the leading organization for radiology medical student educators.



Structured Curriculum

A structured curriculum designed to help students excel and stand out as competitive radiology residency applicants.



Expert Mentorship

Students are paired with dedicated mentors (DIRTIs) who provide invaluable advising and mentorship over 1–3 years.



Radiology Advocacy

Promotes and integrates radiology as an essential and foundational component of comprehensive medical education.

DIRT Curriculum Overview

The DIRT program uses a structured points-based curriculum. Students earn points across three key categories to achieve Distinction in Radiology Track recognition.



Service & Leadership

Involvement in local, state, or national radiology organizations (e.g., medical school radiology student interest group, local or state radiological society, AMSER, Association of Academic Radiology, American College of Radiology, American Association for Women in Radiology, Radiological Society of North American, American Society of Neuroradiology, Society of Interventional Radiology, etc.). Membership in radiological societies/organizations are often free for medical students.



Scholarly Activities

Scholarly Product (required): Oral presentation, poster, or short manuscript related to Radiology. External Dissemination Bonus (optional, can reduce number of Applied Learning Modules required by 2 modules): Poster presentation at local/regional/national meeting OR Oral presentation or publication (peer-reviewed) at any level.



Required Courses & Assessment

- Clinical Radiology Elective/Experience (2- or 4-weeks)
- ACR 2-week Virtual Radiology Curriculum for Medical Students
- ACR TEACHES Modules
- Self-reflection essay
- ACR Standardized Tool for the Assessment of Radiology Students (STARS)



Who Are DIRTIs?

DIRTIs are radiologists, radiology residents, and fellows who serve as the backbone of the DIRT program. As dedicated mentors, they guide medical students through a structured 1–3 year journey — helping them build a radiology portfolio, gain research experience, and develop the skills needed to succeed in their medical careers. **DIRTIs do not need to be a member of AMSER or AAR.**



Mentor & Advisor

Offer personalized guidance and dedicated mentorship, fostering student growth over a multi-year period.



Curriculum Guide

Assist students in navigating the DIRT's structured curriculum, ensuring they meet key milestones effectively.



Student Advocate

Champion student achievements and meticulously document their progress, enhancing their residency application profiles.



National Collaborator

Engage with a national network of AMSER educators, contributing to and benefiting from a community dedicated to radiology education.

Benefits of Being a DIRTI



Formal Recognition

Your advising and mentorship contributions are formally recognized and clearly documented — work that often happens "under the radar" is now visible and valued.



Faculty Promotion Support

Recognition can be included in faculty promotional materials, strengthening your academic portfolio and supporting career advancement.



Documented Impact

With a structured program in place, your contributions to student development are clearly tracked over a 2–3 year period — even when your immediate cohort is small.



National AMSER Network

Join a community of like-minded radiology educators across the country committed to advancing medical student education in radiology.



Mutual Growth

The program is equally about acknowledging and celebrating the efforts of radiologist colleagues — your work shapes the next generation of radiologists.

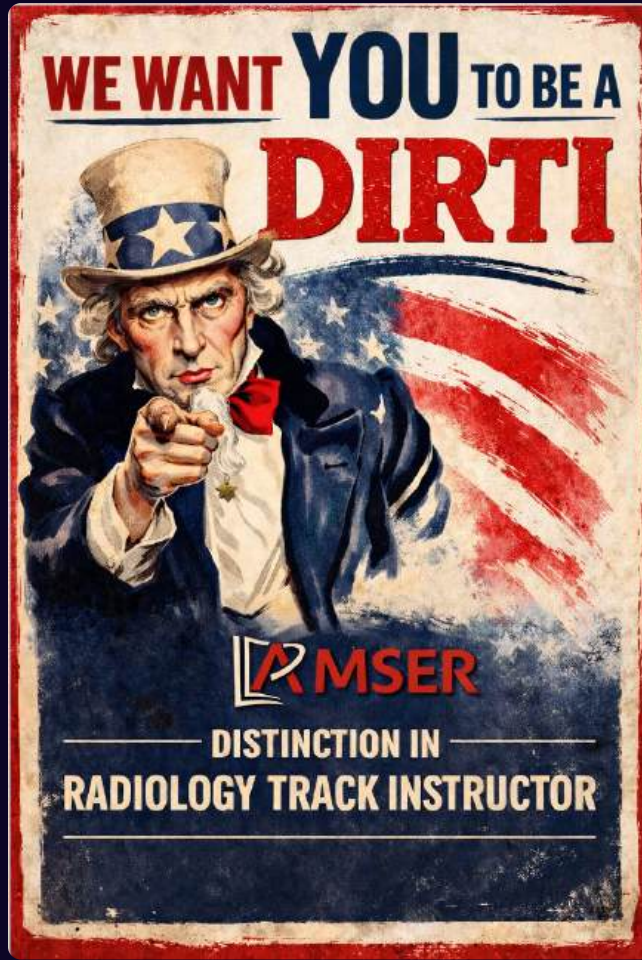
Join Us as a DIRTI

The AMSER Distinction in Radiology Track is looking for passionate radiology mentors ready to make a lasting impact on the next generation of physicians. As a DIRTI, your guidance matters — for your students, your career, and the future of radiology.

✓ Make your mentorship visible and formally recognized

✓ Strengthen your academic portfolio

✓ Shape the next generation of radiologists



Interested? Complete the [AMSER DIRTI Intake form](#) and email it to Biren A. Shah, MD at Biren.Shah@wmed.edu. Questions? Reach out to Biren A. Shah, MD (Biren.Shah@wmed.edu) or visit aarad.org/amser-dirt to learn more.

