



Dear Members of SCARD,

I am excited to invite you and faculty members in your department to play a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of physicians through the AMSER Distinction in Radiology Track (DIRT) program (<https://www.aarad.org/amser-dirt>) by serving as a Distinction in Radiology Track Instructor (DIRTI). While you do not need to be a member of AMSER or AAR to participate in this role, the program has been fully supported by AMSER.

AMSER DIRT is a nationally recognized program that provides medical students with a structured foundation in radiology through mentorship, scholarly activity, structured coursework, and clinical engagement. As a DIRTI, you will serve as a faculty mentor, guiding students over a 1–3 year period as they develop imaging knowledge, academic skills, and professional identity.

This is a high-impact, low-burden mentorship opportunity with clear academic value. Your contributions are formally recognized and can be meaningfully incorporated into promotion materials, all while allowing you to directly influence student development.

Key DIRTI responsibilities include:

- Conducting an initial meeting to set expectations and guide students through the program
- Providing longitudinal mentorship with brief check-ins (at least twice annually)
- Offering feedback and oversight on a student scholarly project
- Reviewing student progress and verifying completion of program requirements

Students are responsible for driving their own progress, allowing a DIRTI's role to remain focused on mentorship and academic guidance rather than administrative tasks.

The AMSER DIRT Ad Hoc Committee are actively recruiting faculty volunteers and would greatly appreciate your consideration, or your help in sharing this opportunity with faculty in your department who are passionate about education and mentorship.

If you or faculty in your department are interested or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at biren.shah@wmed.edu.

Thank you,
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