

## RESIDENCY APPLICATION TIMELINE 2017-2018 Main Residency Match

### JUNE

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- Complete the Junior Student Interview Form and the Personal History for MSPE form in Oasis.
- If you have not set an appointment for your Dean's MSPE meeting, call and schedule an appointment. **Your MSPE will not be written until after this meeting.**
  - Dr. Felner will meet with students in the following groups:
    - Dual degree MPH, MSCR, or MBA students
    - Students in a couples match
    - Students participating in Extended Discovery
  - Dr. Heron will meet with students in the following groups:
    - MD/PhD
  - Otherwise, students will see a dean according to their society as follows:
    - Osler & Semmelweiss Societies → Dr. Felner
    - Harvey & Lister Societies → Dr. Heron

**Call 404-778-1372 to schedule your meeting.**

- Login to ERAS <https://services.aamc.org/eras/myeras> for the first time using Firefox or Chrome. Register your ERAS token, which you will receive by email. You will need your AAMC number. If you have forgotten your AAMC number, email Laura Hopkins ([laura.hopkins@emory.edu](mailto:laura.hopkins@emory.edu)). Register for an AAMC account if you do not already have one.
- Continue to request letters of recommendation. Faculty will upload their letters directly to ERAS.
- Get started on your personal statement.

- Update your CV.
  - You will not upload your CV directly to ERAS. Instead, you will use your CV to fill in your ERAS profile (prior education, research, activities, publications, employment, awards, etc.).
  - Your letter of recommendation writers will want to have a copy of your CV and personal statement.
- **AAMC Careers in Medicine** [www.aamc.org/cim](http://www.aamc.org/cim)
  - Careers in Medicine can help you
    - confirm your specialty choice or assist if you are still undecided by assessing your interests, values, personality, and skills to help you choose a specialty that best fits your attributes
    - learn what details such as prerequisites and length of training, competitiveness data, types of patients and procedures, salary and lifestyle, and other characteristics of more than 120 specialties
    - compare your qualifications, pinpoint your preferences for residency training, and compare programs
    - position yourself to be more competitive
    - and much more

## **JULY - AUGUST**

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- Have your MSPE meeting with Dr. Felner or Dr. Heron. Remember, **your MSPE will not be written until you have this meeting.**
- Continue to polish your personal statement. You can create more than one version. *Give it to others to read and edit; get a lot of feedback.*
- Work on your ERAS application. Refer to your CV and complete the detail within the various tabs.

- Designate your letter of recommendation authors in ERAS. You may have more letters of recommendation than 4 – but DO NOT submit more than programs require.
  - For each confirmed letter of recommendation author entry, a unique Letter Request Form is generated in *MyERAS*.
  - Provide each author with a Letter Request Form for each letter you are asking them to write.
- Authorize the release of your USMLE transcript in *MyERAS*.
- Upload your photo in *MyERAS*.
- Research programs and develop a list to which you will apply. Make sure you have a balance of reach programs, good fit programs, and safety programs, as well as a backup plan for very competitive specialties.

**FREIDA – Fellowship and Residency Electronic Interactive Database Access** – is an online collective database of over 9600 graduate medical education programs. The program data comes directly from the residency programs themselves when they complete the annual survey jointly conducted by the AMA and the AAMC. Data is loaded into FREIDA in mid-August for those programs that complete the survey by the mid-July due date, again in October for data received by the end of September, and a final upload in February.

- <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/education-careers/graduate-medical-education/freida-online.page>
- Compare residency programs by specialty, state, institution, or keywords.
- Compare residency programs across the same categories such number of residency positions, interview period, work schedule, call schedule, training locations, benefits, etc.
- Find contact information of Program Director, person to contact for more information, and web address.

- **Mid-Late August** Students doing AWAY rotations in September, arrange with Dean's Office to see MSPE before leaving for AWAY rotation
- **Beginning August 14, 2017**, request your transcript through OPUS. Have it sent electronically to Theresa Hicks ([tmhicks@emory.edu](mailto:tmhicks@emory.edu)) at the Grady office.

## SEPTEMBER

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- Finalize the detail in your ERAS profile. Go through it carefully. ***Once you submit your first application, it will lock and you will not be able to make any edits.***
- Finalize your personal statement(s). ***You can continue to edit or create a new personal statement even after your application locks.***
- **September 6, 2017:** First day students may begin applying to programs through ERAS. All applications submitted in advance of the date programs have access (September 15) will be date/time stamped with the date programs actually gain access (for example: If an applicant submits their application on September 9 it will be date/time stamped September 15 on the Programs side).
- **September 7 – 18, 2017 (tentative dates):** Review factual information in your MSPE in person at the Grady office. You will be notified ahead of time when to begin making 15 minute appointments.
- **September 15, 2017:** First day residency applications are released through ERAS. When applying, pay close attention to the application deadline for each program to which you will apply, which can be found on their websites.
- Residency Application Fees:
  - You will pay the ERAS processing fees when you submit your applications (not when you register your token).
  - ERAS processing fees are based on the number of programs applied to **per specialty** – not per program. For each specialty to which you apply, the fees are listed below:
    - Up to 10 programs     \$99
    - 11-20 programs       \$13 each

- 21 – 30 programs \$17 each
- 31 or more programs \$26 each
- Decide if you want automatic transmission of your updated USMLE transcript when additional results become available. Under the Documents tab, you must authorize the release of your USMLE transcript before you can assign it to any programs.
  - The NBME charges a fee for transmitting USMLE transcripts to programs.
  - The NBME fee is collected by ERAS
  - Fee – \$80 (assessed once per ERAS season)
- **September 15, 2017 @ 12pm:** NRMP registration opens to register for the Main Residency Match. **You must register with both ERAS and NRMP.**
  - [www.nrmp.org](http://www.nrmp.org)
  - **Fee – \$75 (credit card only).** *Avoid the \$50 late fee by registering by November 30, 2017.*
  - **Additional \$15 per partner for Couples Match.**

## **OCTOBER**

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- **October 1, 2017:** MSPEs transmitted to programs through ERAS.
- **October 31, 2017:** Deadline to take USMLE Step 2 CS
- Interviews

## **NOVEMBER**

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- **November 30, 2017:** Early registration deadline to register for the NRMP Main Residency Match
- Interviews

## DECEMBER

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- **December 1, 2017:** Total cost to register for the NRMP Main Residency Match increases from \$75 to \$125.
- Interviews

## JANUARY

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- **January 15, 2018 @ 12pm:** NRMP Main Residency Match rank order list entry begins. Through your initial registration which you should have already paid, you are entitled to:
  - Access to the NRMP Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system
  - Processing of up to 20 different program ranks on the primary rank order list and up to 20 programs on all supplemental lists combined.
  - Couples Match – each partner of a couple may rank up to 30 different programs on the primary rank order list and up to 30 programs on all supplemental lists combined.
  - **Additional Fees:** \$30 per program for ranking more than the numbers listed above.
- **January 31, 2018:** Latest date to take USMLE Step 2 CK. (However, you are encouraged to take it by October 31, 2017.)
- Interviews

## FEBRUARY

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- **February 21, 2018 @ 9pm:** Finalize your rank list. NRMP Main Residency Match rank order lists must be certified by this time.
  - **Your Match will be a binding contract.**
  - *DO NOT rank a program where you do not want to go.*

## **MARCH**

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- **March 12, 2018 @ 12pm:** Did I Match? You can log into the NRMP R3 website to find out whether or not you matched. You should also receive an email from the NRMP.
  - For unmatched students – Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP)
    - March 12, 2018 @ 1pm: List of unfilled programs is released.
    - March 12, 2018 @ 1pm: *MyERAS* opens to begin choosing programs to apply.
    - March 12, 2018 @ 2pm: Students can begin submitting applications.
    - March 13 – 16, 2018: SOAP continues
  
- **March 16, 2018: MATCH DAY**

## RESOURCES

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### Careers in Medicine

[www.aamc.org/cim](http://www.aamc.org/cim)

### AAMC Roadmap to Residency

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/attending-medical-school/how-apply-residency-positions/>

### FREIDA

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/education-careers/graduate-medical-education/freida-online.page?>

### MyERAS – Electronic Residency Application Service

<https://apps.aamc.org/myeras-web/#/landing>

### MyERAS User Guide

[https://www.aamc.org/students/download/432542/data/user\\_guide\\_myeras\\_residency.pdf](https://www.aamc.org/students/download/432542/data/user_guide_myeras_residency.pdf)

**MyERAS Application Worksheet – may be used to begin completing your application offline** <https://www.aamc.org/students/download/424186/data/worksheet2017.pdf>

### NRMP – National Resident Matching Program

<http://www.nrmp.org/> (general information)

<https://r3.nrmp.org/viewLoginPage> (registration and ranking)

<http://www.nrmp.org/new-e-learning-online-tutorial-couples-match> (Couples in the Match Tutorial)

**San Francisco Matching Program – Ophthalmology Applicants – Apply through SF Match & match through SF Match**

<https://www.sfmatch.org/>

**American Urological Association (AUA) – Urology Applicants – Apply through ERAS & match through the AUA**

<http://www.auanet.org/education/residency.cfm>

**Military Match – Apply through ERAS & match through the Military Match**

<http://militarygme.org/>

### Air Force Physician Education

<http://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/physicianeducationbranch/>

### Navy Physician Education

<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmpdc/professional-development/SitePages/Graduate%20Medical%20Education%20Overview.aspx>

### Army Physician Education

<http://www.mods.army.mil/medicaleducation/>

## Reports Worth Reading

<http://www.nrmp.org/match-data/main-residency-match-data>

2017 Main Residency Match Results & Data

Report of number of positions offered and filled for programs in Main Residency Match between 2011-2016

Characteristics of Applicants Who Matched to Their Preferred Specialty in the 2014 Main Residency Match

2002-2014 Analysis of trends in number of PGY-1 available and graduation and match rates

Results of the 2014 NRMP Program Director Survey

Results of the 2013 Applicant Survey

**Twitter** for the latest news, timeline information, deadline reminders, and informational chats and Q/A sessions

- @ERASinfo
- @TheNRMP

## Medical Residency & Relocation Loan

- Private loan available 180 days before or up to 180 days after graduation
- Can be used to finance costs associated with finding a residency, including travel to interviews and relocation costs as well as board examination expenses
- Some institutions offering Residency & Relocation Loans
  - Sallie Mae
  - Discovery
  - Wells Fargo
  - PNC Bank
- Each has different interest rates, borrowing limits, and repayment schedules. Read carefully.
- If you apply with a co-signer, most have a co-signer release available after a designated number of on-time payments have been made

## KEY TERMS

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**ADTS (Applicant Document Tracking System):** You can track the status application material by clicking on the link at the top right side of your *MyERAS* application. You will see the programs you applied to, dates documents were uploaded, and dates the residency programs downloaded your documents.

**MSPE (Medical Student Performance Evaluation):** An objective letter of evaluation (not recommendation) which describes a student's academic record in a narrative format.

**PGY:** Post graduate year

**Internship** – first year of residency training

**Categorical -C Program:** Programs that begin in the PGY-1 year and provide the full training required for specialty board certification (3-5 years in length)

**Primary-M Program:** Categorical programs in primary care medicine and primary care pediatrics that begin in the PGY-1 year and provide the full training required for specialty board certification.

**Advanced-A Program:** Specialty programs that begin in the PGY-2 year after a year of prerequisite training (3-4 years in length)

**Preliminary-P Program:** One-year programs that begin in the PGY-1 year and provide prerequisite training for advanced programs

- **Preliminary Residency Position** – Many Internal Medicine and Surgery programs offer preliminary programs.
- **Transitional Year Position** – An alternative to a Preliminary year in Internal Medicine or Surgery. The training focuses on a well-balanced program of graduate medical education in multiple clinical disciplines (through required rotations and a broader selection of electives) designed to facilitate the choice of and preparation for a specific specialty.