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UChicago Medicine

Alumni Ambassador Program – Jamie Munson, Associate Director, Alumni Engagement, MBSAA

This online mentoring platform is a unique opportunity for you to connect with alumni (including current residents) to ask questions pertaining to your future careers in medicine.

- WISR program supports the Prtizker Alumni Ambassador Program
- Filter "Members" to Pritzker School of Medicine Alumni to search for alums in programs across the country. Can also hone by specialty or institution
- Reach out to MBSAA for help if needed

Steps to joining the Pritzker Alumni Ambassador program

1. Visit uchicago.wisr.io/signup
2. Select **"Pritzker School of Medicine Student"** as your membership type
3. Request to join the **Pritzker Alumni Ambassador program** community
   (The UChicago MBSAA will grant you access within one business day)
4. Watch this short video tutorial to help get you started

ERAS Overview: KEY SLIDESHOW POINTS

Please view the slideshow posted online for a full walk-through of ERAS.

Here are some key points:

1) ERAS and the NRMP are two different things. You must register for both. (Slide 12)

2) Your profile section is the only thing you can update in ERAS *after* submitting applications. Profile data includes contact information, couples match information, NRMP ID, and AOA/GHHS status. You will receive notice about AOA or GHHS before the September 7 ERAS application opening. (Slide 18)

3) Once you register for the NRMP—registration opens September 15—you should put your NRMP ID number into your ERAS application. (Slide 17)
   a. Ophthalmology and urology match students still need to register with the NRMP and ERAS for their preliminary programs.

4) Your BLS certification likely expires in June 2023 if you did it during Clinical Biennium. (Slide 18)

5) Formatting your application: stay consistent with your descriptions. You can use bullet point dashes, semicolons, or periods to separate lines—whatever you choose, stay

consistent. (Slide 23)

6)   Education – Remember: You will graduate in **June** 2023, not May. (Slide 21)

7)   The "Training" and "Medical Licenses" sections do not apply to you; you can skip them. (Slide 24)

8)   Always add a "reason for leaving" under your experience section, even if it's something like, "Experience ended" or "One-year term was up". Never give someone a reason to guess why you left; make it as clear as possible. If you are still active in an experience, put "ongoing" or "continual." (Slide 26)

9)   Per the AAMC ERAS User Guide, clinical experiences (such as student-run free clinics) and Peer Educator positions should be listed as **Work Experiences**, as should jobs or gap year experiences (sometimes) that you plan to list. All other activities (e.g. student organizations, Dean's Council, i2i, etc.) should be listed as Volunteer Experiences or Research Experiences. If you are unsure how to list an activity, ask Tyler. (Slides 27-28)

10)   If you took a leave of absence or research year and are having trouble figuring out how to describe it, ask Tyler or Dr. Woodruff. (Slide 30)

11)   If you cannot answer "Yes" to this question, contact Dr. Woodruff immediately (Slide 31)

12)   Keep in mind when you are filling out your ERAS application that you are in essence writing another CV. Use the "View/Print MyERAS Application" link to download and proofread your application. (Slide 38)

13)   **Be incredibly clear when you label your LORs and Personal Statements**. Program Directors will not see how you label your documents—just make sure you know which documents you want to assign to which programs. (Slide 41)

14)   If your letter was written by a specialty advisor but signed by the Chair of the department (or the Chair and someone else), it is still considered a Chair's letter and you should mark it as such. The Chair should be the letter author. Additionally, you should waive your right to view the letter. (Slide 45)

15)   To submit your USMLE scores, you must click the "Authorize Release" button. All of the scores that are available at the time you pay for your USMLE transcript through ERAS will be released. When your Step 2 scores come in, you can go back into ERAS and retransmit your scores at no additional cost. If you are concerned about your potential Step 2 score, you should discuss with your career advisor or Dr. Woodruff whether to retransmit your scores when you receive your Step 2 score. (Slide 52-53)

16)   Using AAMC Apply Smart Data + NRMP residency Explorer tool. Remember: One size does not fit all here. View the recording for more discussion of how to utilize this data (Slides 55-57)

17) If the fees for applying to ERAS or the NRMP are cost-prohibitive, please talk to Richard Wilson in the financial aid office about working this in with financial aid. (Slide 65-67)

18) You do not have to give the Dean's Office permission to view your application. That is up to you. Doing so does NOT delay your application in any way, nor does it give anyone at Pritzker access to view your Letters of Recommendation. (Slide 71).

19) **ERAS Supplemental Applications** – Programs in 16 specialties will use the Supplemental ERAS Application this year. The full list of participating programs will be available in July. (Slide 75-76)

20) The Supplemental ERAS Application is free and optional, but completion is <u>strongly encouraged</u> if you are applying in one of the 16 specialties using it. Programs have overwhelmingly said it was a useful tool for making interview offers and discovering candidates they may have overlooked otherwise.

21) In the Past Experiences section, try to reduce redundancy with your MyERAS application and your Supplemental Application by reflecting on the experiences you include (i.e. Why were they meaningful to you? How did they impact you or develop specific traits or skills?). (Slide 77)

22) Consider your program signals carefully and avoid using them on your "reach" programs. These are an opportunity to express genuine interest to programs where you would really like to train and are a strong candidate already. (Slide 78)

<u>Important Dates</u>

August 1	Supplemental ERAS Application opens
September 7	Early opening for MD applicants to certify and submit their applications in advance of the Sept. 29 release date to programs
September 1	Target date for SF Ophthalmology Match application submission (but we recommend submitting earlier)
September 14	Target deadline for ensuring all LORs are uploaded to ERAS
September 15	Applicants can begin registering for NRMP (the Match organization) at 11 am CST
September 16	Supplemental ERAS Application closes
September 19	**MS4 Class Meeting #3, 5:00-7:00pm:** *Interviewing for Residency*, **A panel discussion with Program Directors**
September 28	ERAS applications and MSPEs released via ERAS to NRMP and San Francisco Match (i.e. the day they are sent to programs)
November 22	AUA rank list submissions open
December 1	PSOM deadline to take USMLE exams (If you have a numeric Step 1 score)
Mid-December	Military Match rank deadline
December 29	AUA applicant registration deadline
Late December	Military Match results are available
January 10, 2023	AUA rank list deadline
January 20	SF Match rank list deadline
January 23	**MS4 Class Meeting #4, 5:00-6:30pm:** *Preparing Your Rank List*
January 31	Applicant standard registration deadline for NRMP (late registration = extra fee)
February 1	SF Match results available
February 1	NRMP rank list submissions open at 11 am CT
February 2	AUA Match results available
March 1	NRMP rank list deadline at 8 pm CT
March 13	Match Week starts
March 17	**Match Day!**

<u>Residency Web Resources</u>

Pritzker's Road to Residency

https://pritzker.uchicago.edu/resources/road-residency

> *The Road to Residency webpages are regularly updated, and contain information about Career Advising, LOR cover sheets, PowerPoints from class meetings, guidelines, links, and more. If you would like to see something added to the Residency webpages, please contact Tyler Lockman (tlockman@bsd.uchicago.edu)*

ERAS (Electronic Residency Application Service)

http://www.aamc.org/eras

NRMP (National Residency Matching Program)

http://www.nrmp.org

AUA (American Urological Association)

http://www.auanet.org/

San Francisco Early Matching Program

http://www.sfmatch.org

FREIDA (Fellowship & Residency Program Database)

http://www.ama-assn.org/go/freida

Military Match

http://www.militarygme.org

NBME (National Board of Medical Examiners)

http://www.nbme.org

USMLE (United States Medical Licensing Exam)

http://www.usmle.org

Student Recommended:

Rotating Room

http://rotatingroom.com/

> Review: "This site was inspired by the frustration of subletting rooms during fourth year away rotations, and hopes to replace random Craigslist searches and incessant mailing list spam