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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

Pritzker Chiefs

1. Complete the Pritzker Survey that PMAP sent out! Aiming for 100 percent participation: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtGfjagplCPBmUrUKe-QZu1u3mAL14THcj6EAN6ybE9OVXLQ/viewform

2. Coming up: **Picnic at Promontory Point on Friday night (6/30) at 6 p.m**. Send Trader Joe's snack requests to the Chiefs and stay tuned for a backup plan if there is rain.

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 6 ERAS application opening. (Slide 118)

   Important: Due to frequent disruptions with UCM IT, we no longer recommend using

your @uchicagomedicine.org email for your ERAS application. We recommend using either @uchicago.edu accounts or a personal account (e.g. Gmail). If you opt for the latter, make sure to keep it professional, and do not use "Dr," "Doctor," or "MD" in your email. You can edit your email address in the Account Information section (Slide 16).

3) In the Biographic Information section, there is a "Hometowns" box where you can list up to 5 locations where you "currently or previously lived and feel strong ties or sense of belonging." This may be applicable if you were born and lived in one city (or another country) for part of your life and spent another significant amount of time elsewhere. (not pictured on slides)

4) 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. Ophthalmology may not need to submit an ERAS application ultimately but will likely need to register in case you match to a program that still uses ERAS for the preliminary year.

5) Your BLS certification likely expires in June 2024 if you did it during Clinical Biennium. (Slide 18)

6) 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 25)

7) Education – Remember: You will graduate in **June** 2024, not May. (Slide 21)

8) The "Training" and "Medical Licenses" sections do not apply to you; you can skip them. (Slide 23)

9) The Postal Code, Setting, Primary Focus, and Key Characteristic boxes are new this year. They are optional, but we encourage you to use when appropriate, especially if you intend to list an experience as one of your 3 "Most Meaningful." Not all experiences will have a Focus Area or Key Characteristic that makes sense. (Slide 25)

10) Pay close attention to what you are listing as the Organization. Most often this will be University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago Department of (insert department), or a service organization (e.g. Bridgeport Free Clinic). The Position Title box is where you can share a group name. (Slides 25-29)

11) Most Meaningful experiences: You only have 300 characters to write these additional narrative descriptions, so be concise and be sure to highlight the Focus Area or Key Characteristic you have selected. (Slide 30)

12) Impactful Experience: This section is NOT required and Program Directors expect most students will not use it. Use the tools in the application to determine if this is a section you should be completing. (Slide 31)

13) 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 32)

14) Licensure: Select "None" (Slide 33)

15) If you cannot answer "Yes" to this first question, contact Dr. Woodruff immediately (Slide 33)

16) 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 40)

17) **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 43)

18) 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. Do not list a letter as a Chair letter unless it is a University of Chicago Chair. (Slide 47)

19) 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. If for some reason your Step 2 score comes back after you have submitted your application, you must go back into ERAS and retransmit your scores at no additional cost. (Slide 55)

20) Using AAMC Apply Smart tool + NRMP residency Explorer tool. Remember: One size does not fit all here. (Slides 57-59)

21) Be very careful about assigning your Program Signals correctly, especially if you are applying in multiple specialties. For more on Program Signal strategy, refer to the 6/14 presentation slides and the recording sent out. (Slides 67-72)

22) 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 73-76)

23) 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. Giving us access, however, can help us assist you with any issues you may encounter during application season. (Slide 79).

<u>Important Dates</u>

July 15	PSOM Deadline to take Step 2
September 6	MD applicants may begin to certify and submit their applications in advance of the Sept. 27 release date to programs
September 1	Target date for SF Ophthalmology Match application submission (but we recommend submitting earlier)
September 15	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 18	**MS4 Class Meeting #3, 5:00-7:00pm: *Interviewing for Residency*, A panel discussion with Program Directors *NOT RECORDED***
September 27	ERAS applications and MSPEs released via ERAS to NRMP and San Francisco Match (i.e. the day they are sent to programs)
November 21	AUA rank list submissions open
Mid-December	Military Match rank deadline
December 29	AUA applicant registration deadline
Late December	Military Match results are available
January 9, 2024	AUA rank list deadline
January 30	SF Match rank list deadline
January 22	**MS4 Class Meeting #4, 5:00-6:30pm: *Preparing Your Rank List***
January 31	Applicant standard registration deadline for NRMP (late registration = extra $50)
February 1	NRMP rank list submissions open at 11 am CT
February 1	AUA Match results available
February 6	SF Match results available
February 28	NRMP rank list deadline at 8 pm CT
March 11	Match Week starts
March 15	**Match Day!**

Residency Web Resources

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