



Residency Application Overview

MS4 Class Meeting #1

May 28, 2025

Financial Aid Updates

- First loan disbursement for the summer: June 23
- If you have not completed your FAFSA yet, please do so ASAP so disbursements can occur in June without delays.
- Financial Aid will reach out in the Fall to schedule a loan repayment strategy session to discuss how to approach loan repayment beginning in residency. You can also schedule with Richard Wilson any time via his Calendly link: <https://calendly.com/rtwilson/>.
- If you have already received your loan package for 2025-2026, go into the student portal and accept the loan amount.

Financial Aid – Residency Travel Expenses

- In-person interviews have increased for some specialties (mainly surgical subspecialties)
- In a survey of last year's applicants (n=23), respondents had an average of 14 interviews, with just over **half** of those in-person
 - On average, these students spent ~\$2,700 on travel for interviews
 - Range: \$50 - \$6,950
 - Some programs may cover some costs or provide discounts
- If these costs present barriers to you, additional support is available. We don't want you to have to turn down interviews due to cost.

Pritzker Chiefs Updates

- New Pritzker Chiefs!
 - Alia Abiad
 - Ceylon Auguste-Nelson
 - Audrey Litvak

Leadership as Fourth-Year Students

- Shifting roles with introduction of Phoenix curriculum
- Opportunities for M4s to lead in student organizations and service

Opening Thoughts

- Welcome to M4s rejoining the class
- There are MANY people here to support you in this process.
- Your success is our success!

Career Advising Panel Discussion

- **Victoria Barbosa, MD – Lewis Society**
- **Wei Wei Lee, MD – Rowley Society**
- **Tipu Puri, MD – Lewis Society**

Career Advising Panel Discussion

- How is your role and/or perspective different as a Career Advisor, vs. a Specialty Advisor or other faculty in a specific specialty?
- In your experience, what are some of the big reasons students may struggle during the residency application process or even fail to match?

Reasons Students Fail to Match

- Lack of organization
- Lack of engagement with career advising
- Inadequate transparency with specialty advisor
- Reluctance to hear feedback
- Inadequate diversification (program list and/or signals)
- Interview challenges (practice!)

Applying to Residency: Summer into Fall

Agenda

- Timeline
- Deciding where to apply
- Components of your application
- Words of Wisdom

Timelines and Deadlines

Important Dates & Deadlines

- 6/4/2025: ERAS and ResidencyCAS (OB-GYN + EM) open for 2026 season
- 9/3/2025: **ERAS opening to certify and submit applications to residency programs**
- 9/3/2025: San Francisco Match (ophthalmology) application target deadline
- 9/15/2025: NRMP registration opens
- 9/12/2025: LORs submitted
- 9/24/2025: **Residency Programs may begin application and MSPE review**
- Jan 2026: AUA (urology) rank list deadline (TBD date)
- 1/27/2026: San Francisco Match (ophthalmology) rank list deadline
- 1/30/2026: NRMP applicant regular registration deadline*
- Feb.2026: AUA (urology) match results released (date tbd; usually early in month)
- 2/3/2026: Ophthalmology match results released
- 3/4/2026: **NRMP rank order list certification deadline**
- 3/20/2026: **MATCH DAY**

Timeline: June - August

June

Register for ERAS (tokens emailed to you tomorrow)

Finalize CV (follow template) & send updates to Tyler

Ask for Letters of Recommendation

Have your ERAS/Graduation Photo taken

July – August

Write your Personal Statement

Send a draft to your career and specialty advisors for review

Edit your residency application to near completion

MSPE review

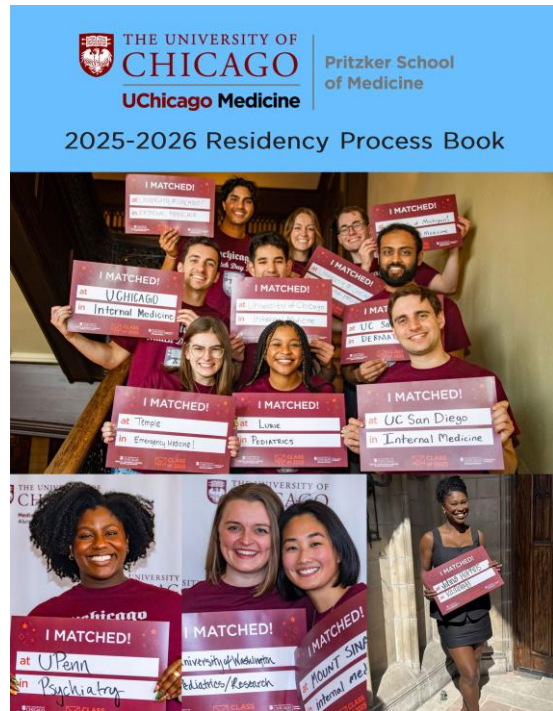
This timeline is designed for students applying through the regular match.

Timeline: September

September	Continue to edit your residency application LORs uploaded (9/12)
September 3	Applicants may begin submitting applications to programs
September 15	Pritzker Internal Deadline for completing applications
September 15	NRMP Registration opens (You must register for <u>both</u> ERAS/ResidencyCAS/SF Match <u>and</u> the NRMP **Register for NRMP by December 1**)
September 25	ERAS Applications and MSPEs released to programs

Residency Process Book

- Advising calendar and deadlines
 - *Please check the website for up to date timelines*
- Career Advisor contact info
- Checklists
- Guidance on Signaling, Couples Match, etc.
- Sample CV
- Sample ERAS application
- Sample MSPE and MSPE appendices
- Sample personal statements
- Specialty-specific guidance



Residency Resources

The screenshot shows the Pritzker School of Medicine website's 'Residency Resources' page. The URL in the browser is pritzker.uchicago.edu/resources/road-residency. The navigation bar includes links for About, Academics, Admissions, Community Service, Scholarly Opportunities, Resources (which is highlighted), and Student Life. The main content area has a dark red background with the word 'Resources' in white. Below this, there's a section titled 'We're here to support you' with a list of links: Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; The Bowman Society; Pathway Programs; Career Advising; Road to Residency; Visiting Students; Alumni Verification and Licensure; Financial Aid for Continuing Students; COVID-19 Student Resources; and Students with Disabilities. At the bottom, there's a table titled 'Residency Resources' with a list of resources and expandable icons.

Residency Resources	
Class of 2025 Calendar	+
Process and Data	+
Match Websites	+
Sample CV, MSPE, and LoR Request Information	+
Personal Statement Guidelines	+
Pritzker Alumni Ambassador Program	+
Class of 2025 Meeting Materials (Updated after each meeting)	+

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

Where to Apply

Resources for Researching Residencies

- Pritzker Faculty
- Current Residents
- Pritzker Alumni + Alumni Ambassador Program
- FREIDA Online
- AAMC Residency Explorer Tool
 - This resource has a TON of information and data on programs (interview rates, USMLE data, etc.) from verified sources; updated info coming sometime in June
- OB/GYN: Alignment Check Index (ACI) tool from AMA

How to Sign-Up/Login

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



Choosing a Program

Considerations:

- Family
- Geography
- Your own qualifications and abilities
- Quality of the program
- Preliminary program requirements
- Breadth and depth of list

Your **Specialty** and **Career Advisors** can be instrumental in helping you create a list.

Do I need to apply for a prelim year?

Categorical

- Begins in PGY-1 and offers full residency training required for board certification in that specialty

Advanced

- Begins in PGY-2 and are in specialty programs that require completion of 1 year of preliminary training

Preliminary

- Begins in PGY-1 and offers 1 year of training prior to entry into advanced specialty

Transitional

- PGY-1 year that is similar to a “rotating” internship

Specialties that may require a preliminary year

- Anesthesiology
- Dermatology
- Neurology
- Ophthalmology (offered jointly)
- PM&R
- Radiation-Oncology
- Radiology

Selecting Programs and Maximizing Your Odds

Think like an investor:

Create a **diverse** application portfolio to mitigate risk and maximize your ROL!

Goal Programs

- Your dream program!

Realistic Programs

- You are relatively sure you will get an interview at this program.

Low-Risk Programs or Specialties

- Maximize your odds of matching by applying to back-up programs.

Components of the Application

Application Components

Your responsibilities

1. ERAS, ResidencyCAS, or SF Match application
2. Personal Statement
3. Letters of Recommendation (LoRs)
4. ERAS Photo
5. USMLE transmission (via application platform)

Our responsibilities

6. MSPE Letter
7. Pritzker transcript

Changes to ERAS for 2025-2026

- **Specialty-specific questions** (anesthesiology, neurological surgery, plastic surgery)
- **Interruptions/Extensions** section amended – only need to disclose gaps/interruptions during medical school for academic (i.e. repeat or remediation) or professional reasons
- **Geographic Preferences:** Otolaryngology & orthopaedic surgery NOT participating
- **Program signals:** “Why” statement in anesthesiology and plastic surgery

Guidelines for Your Personal Statement

Purpose

- Introduce yourself and your voice
- Express interest in a specialty

Length

- One page (on ERAS; varies from Word; ~600-650 words)
- 12-point font, Arial
- 1-inch margins
- Single-spaced

Things to Avoid

- Humor
- Obscure references
- Quotations
- Personal things you would not want to discuss in an interview

Review

- Review your Personal Statement with your Career and Specialty Advisors

Next PS Workshop:
Wednesday, June 11 (Zoom)

Letters of Recommendation: How many letters do I need?

Categorical Programs: 3-4 total letters

- 3 clinical letters
- 1 research letter (if appropriate)

Note: You cannot submit more than 4 letters to a single program.

Advanced Programs: 6-7 total letters

- Prelim/Transitional Year: 3 clinical letters
- Advanced Program: 3 clinical letters
1 research letter (if appropriate)

Note: Letter writers *could* use the same letter for both applications, as long as they are generic in specialty; or they can submit two separate, specific letters, using unique letter request forms.

(ie. “I recommend John Doe for your residency program” instead of “I recommend John Doe for your Pediatric residency program”)

Letters of Recommendation: Do I need a Chair's Letter?

- Anesthesiology (for prelims)
- Medicine*
- Medicine-Pediatrics*
- Preliminary Medicine*
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Orthopaedic Surgery (some programs)
- Otolaryngology (Section Chief)
- Pediatrics (some programs)
- Plastic Surgery (Section Chief)
- Surgery
- Urology (Section Chief)

**Another faculty member writes the letter in conjunction with the Chair.*


Emergency Medicine, Ob/Gyn, and Neurosurgery utilize a “Standardized Letter of Evaluation” (SLOE), and **Orthopaedic Surgery** and **Plastic Surgery** have an optional (but encouraged) standard letter. Check with your program for their requirements + the department here for procedures.

If you are applying in **both Preliminary Medicine and Transitional Programs**, you could use the letters for both if they are generic in specialty.

Letters of Recommendation: Timeline


- Give letter-writers at least 4-6 weeks' notice
- Letters in by September 12 (i.e., ask before July 31!)
- Track which letters have arrived by using ERAS (or other app system)
 - Gently remind letter writers on **Sept. 1** if a letter is not in
 - Assign letters to programs once they are submitted
- **You do not have to wait** for your letters to submit your ERAS application
- Send a friendly reminder email if it has been 6 weeks and your letter has not been uploaded

MyERAS Dashboard



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DashboardERAS 2025 Season - Residency



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Application

Personal InformationSaved

Biographic InformationSaved

EducationSaved

ExperienceSaved

Licenses & CertificationsSaved

PublicationsSaved

VIEW/PRINT APPLICATION

VIEW/PRINT CV

Documents

Uploaded but Unassigned LoRs0

Unassigned Personal Statements1

MS TranscriptNot Uploaded

MSPE (Dean's Letter)Not Uploaded

PhotoUploaded

Programs

Saved Programs6

Programs Applied to0

Share Interview Information with Dean's office

Share Program Signals with Dean's Office

Resources

Tools for Residency Applicants

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Learn about Fee Assistance Program


MyERAS Terms and Conditions

ERAS Support+1 (202) 862-6264


Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm ET

CONTACT ERAS

Documents: LORs

 MyERAS

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Letters Of Recommendation ERAS 2024 Season - Residency

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In order for an LoR Author to upload a letter on your behalf, you MUST complete the following steps for **each** LoR that you intend to use during the application season.

- Click **Add New** to enter and save LoR information.
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Note: You may only edit and/or delete a LoR entry prior to confirming.
- Select **Download Letter Request** or **Email Letter Request** in the associated Action column to provide your LoR Author with the form.

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Documents: LORs (continued)

Add Letter of Recommendation

For guidance on correctly entering your LoR Author details, contact your LoR Author.

* Indicates required fields.

LoR Author Name:*

LoR Author Title/Department:*

Specialty to which this letter will be assigned:

Note: Specialty field will only be viewable to applicants, their Designated Dean's Office and the LoR Author - not programs.

Additional LoR Information*

☐ This LoR Author is a Program Director in a current/previous residency or fellowship program (Resident/Postdoctoral Fellowships only)

☐ This LoR Author is a Department Chair where I completed my clerkship training. Group departmental letters must be signed by the team composing the letter.


☐ None of the above.

I waive my right to view my Letter of Recommendation:*

☐ Yes ☐ No


CANCEL SAVE

Documents: LORs (continued)

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Documents: LORs (continued) | CONFIRM YOUR LOR

The screenshot shows the AAMC MyERAS interface for the 'Letters Of Recommendation' section. A modal titled 'Confirm Letters of Recommendation' is open, asking the user to confirm the selected LoR Author(s) for upload. The modal includes a 'MyERAS Password' field and 'CANCEL' and 'CONFIRM' buttons. In the background, a table lists three LoR authors: James Woodruff, MD (Preliminary Programs, 12L6CKZQEC, Confirmed for Upload - 08/14/2023), H. Barrett Fromme, MD (Anesthesiology, 12L6CKZRED, Confirmed for Upload - 08/27/2023), and Anthony Fauci, MD (Anesthesiology, Not Confirmed for Upload).

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2. Confirm the LoR Author's credentials.
3. Select the LoR Author's program.

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Documents: LORs (continued) | Email/Print Letter Request Form

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Documents: LORs (continued) | Letter Request Form



ERAS Letter of Recommendation (LoR) Request

ERAS Application Season: 2025
ERAS Letter ID: 13PB4AW5F2

I am requesting that you submit my Letter of Recommendation (LoR) to the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), which transmits my LoR(s) to the residency programs to which I am applying.

ERAS Letter of Recommendation Portal (LoRP)

The Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) Letter of Recommendation Portal (LoRP) is a centralized service that allows LoR Authors to upload LoRs for applicants applying to ERAS residency programs.

ERAS has established a set of guidelines that should be reviewed prior to writing and uploading LoRs using the LoRP.

For more information about the LoRP guidelines, additional resources, and to access the LoRP login, please visit <https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/202520/portal.html>.

- Review the information below. If any information is inaccurate, contact the applicant directly so they can make corrections.
- Login to the ERAS LoRP to upload this letter using the unique **ERAS Letter ID** above.

Applicant Details

Name	Lockman, Tyler
AAMC ID	14340378
Preferred Phone Number	+1 (555) 369-5474
Preferred Email	tlockman@bsd.uchicago.edu

LoR Details

LoR Author Name	James Woodruff, MD
LoR Author Title/Department	Professor of Medicine/Department of Medicine
Specialty to which this letter will be assigned	Internal Medicine

Waive rights to view this letter	This applicant has indicated that they <u>WAIVE</u> their right to view this letter now and in the future under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The applicant has acknowledged that this letter is for the specific purpose of supporting my application for residency.
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Letters of Recommendation: FAQ

1. Who reads my Letters of Recommendation?
2. Do you have tips for making sure my faculty members deliver their letters on time?
3. If my letter has not been received, and it is after the 4-6 week period, what do I do?


USMLE Transcript

- Requested by you through ERAS, SF Match, or ResidencyCAS
- Typically transmitted within a day or so of your request, but **do not put this off**

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Document	Status	Actions
USMLE Transcript <small>There is a one-time processing fee of \$80 for USMLE transcripts.</small>	Not Authorized	• Student
Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)	Not Uploaded	• PSOM (by 9/24)
Medical School Transcript	Not Uploaded	• PSOM Required ⓘ
Photo	Uploaded - 05/01/2024 ⓘ	• Student

USMLE Transcripts

Two steps to releasing your scores:

1. Authorize release through ERAS or ResidencyCAS to sync current scores
2. **Assign** the USMLE score to a specific program (under the Programs section)

You should all have a Step 2 score at the time of submission. Do not delay Step 2 to the point of not having a score when programs receive your application.

Away Rotations

If you are still having difficulty securing an away rotation, reach out to your career advisor or Dr. Woodruff.

Important Staff

Strategy

Career Advisor
Specialty Advisor
Dr. Woodruff

Personal Statement

Career Advisor
Specialty Advisor

MSPE/Grade Concerns

Dr. Fromme

Couples' Matching

Career Advisor
Dr. Woodruff

CV/Application Logistics

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LOR Status

ERAS, SF Match, PSCA, ResidencyCAS

Words of Wisdom

Be a Smart Applicant!

- **Apply broadly** to give yourself the best possible odds
 - You can always narrow your list during interview season
- **Listen** to Career Advisor feedback about your strategy
- Realize that there is more than one program where you can be happy

Don't put all of your eggs in one basket...

Diversify your application portfolio to maximize your odds!

Make a Plan and Focus

- Focus on what you can do something about: your Personal Statement, letters, and interview preparation
- Get the pieces together and assemble them – **Stay organized**
- Refer to your Residency Process Book and **stay engaged with your Career Advisor**
- Know what job you are applying for
 - Program Directors want smart, dependable, functional team players who will take excellent care of their patients
- Take it one step at a time

You will get through it!

MS4 Class Meetings

June 23, 2025

#2: ERAS & Residency Applications in Focus

September 15, 2025

#3: Interviewing for Residency (PD Panel)

January 20, 2026

#4: Constructing your Rank List

Match Day: March 20, 2026!

