

2026 Match Universal Interview Offer Dates

Date	Specialty	
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Neurosurgery (Fridays in October after 3 p.m. CT)	More
October 15, 22, 29 Nov 5	Ophthalmology (batched releases)	More
October 6	Pediatrics (earliest, rolling after)	More
October 15	Pathology (participating programs)	More
October 21	Emergency Medicine (participating programs)	More
October 21	Thoracic Surgery* (unconfirmed)	More
October 22	General Surgery	More
October 24	Urology	More
October 28	Obstetrics & Gynecology	More
November 3, 17; Dec. 1	Dermatology (three rounds)	More
Nov. 5-6	Otolaryngology	More
November 7	Plastic Surgery	More
November 17	Orthopaedic Surgery (11 a.m. CT)	More

Dermatology

- Monday, November 3, 2025 – First round of interview invites released
- Wednesday, November 5, 2025 – Applicants begin scheduling interviews; must respond by November 7
 - Additional interview invites will be released as/if they become available starting after November 7, 2025
- Monday, November 17, 2025 – Second round of interview invites released (generally for programs with late December or January interview dates)
- Wednesday, November 19, 2025 – Applicants begin scheduling interviews; must respond by November 21
 - Additional interview invites will be released as/if they become available starting after November 21, 2025
- Monday, December 1, 2025 – Third round of interview invites released (generally for programs with January or February interview dates)
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - Applicants begin scheduling interviews; must respond by December 7
 - Additional interview invites will be released as/if they become available starting after December 7, 2025

Programs have been encouraged to notify all applicants of their status (interview, waitlist, or decline) by January 1, 2026.

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Emergency Medicine

- Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, 2 p.m. – Unified interview release for participating programs
 - Unclear if all programs are participating
- Rolling offers after Oct. 21
- Programs should release interview offers after 7 PM CST to minimize interruptions to education and patient care during daytime hours across all four US time zones.
- After the initial release of (non-waitlist) interview invitations is extended, programs should allow a minimum of 72 hours for applicants to accept or decline the offer before releasing additional invites to other candidates.
- Programs should notify applicants of their application status (interview offer, rejection, or placement on an interview waitlist) no later than December 20, 2025

General Surgery

- Wednesday, October 22, 2025 – Friday, October 31, 2025 – All programs to send interview offers for the first round of interviews
- Programs should only offer as many interviews as available interview slots
- Programs should allow at least 48 hours for the applicant to respond before offering an interview position to another applicant

Neurosurgery

- Friday, October 3, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. CT – First day of interview invitations released; additional interviews released every Friday at 3:00 p.m. in October
 - Applicants have until at least Sunday at 3 p.m. CT to respond for interview slot to be guaranteed
 - After October, programs may send individual or small groups of invitations out on subsequent Friday afternoons to fill in for cancellations.

OB/GYN

- Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - All interview offers to be released
 - Interview offers limited to the number of interview slots available
- Applicants should have at least 48 hours to accept or decline an interview invitation
- Interviews to begin no earlier than Friday, November 1, 2025

Programs encouraged to release final status (interview, reject, waitlist) to applicants by November 26, 2025

Ophthalmology

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- Wednesday, Oct. 15 – First “Waypoint Wednesday” release of batched interviews. Additional releases on Oct. 22, Oct. 29, and Nov. 5.
- After Nov. 5: Interview invites for vacancies at any time.
- Interviews begin Monday, October 27 and conclude by Friday, December 19
- Virtual interviews only

Orthopaedic Surgery

- Monday, November 17, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. CST – All programs will send interview offers
 - Recommendation that programs consider sending invitation, waitlist, or rejection letters to applicants on this date
- Programs should only offer as many interviews as interview slots available
- A **24-hour** moratorium on accepting or scheduling interviews will follow the release
 - Applicants are encouraged to review their offers with advisors, mentors, family and others to create a plan for which and how many interviews to accept
 - Applicants should not reach out to programs during the moratorium
 - Programs should not accept or confirm early responses during the moratorium
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. CST – Applicants can accept interview offers
 - Applicants have 48 hours to respond to the program without fear of the offer being rescinded
- If an applicant declines an interview or there is no response by Thursday, November 20 at 11:00 a.m. CST, the program may extend an invitation to another applicant
- There will be no set timeline for the second or any subsequent waves of interview offers, which can be sent at programs’ discretion.

Otolaryngology

- Wednesday, November 5, 2025 or Thursday, November 6 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST – Release of all initial interview offers
 - Interviews offers limited to the number of interview slots available
- Monday, November 10, 2025 at 11 a.m. CST – Interview scheduling opens
- Tuesday, November 11, 2025 11 a.m. CST – Programs may extend additional interview offers fill unclaimed interview slots

Pathology

- Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 3 p.m. CST – Recommended earliest date to release interview offers; rolling interview offers after this date

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Pediatrics

- NO coordinated interview release date
- Virtual interviews only
- Monday, October 6, 2025 – Recommended first date of interview release
 - Number of available interview spots should be at least equal to the number of applicants invited to interview
 - Interviews should be sent in the late afternoon, recognizing applicants are often busier with clinical work in the morning
 - Applicants should have at least 72 hours to respond to interview invites before their spot is released to another applicant
- Monday, December 1, 2025 – Recommended date by which applicants should be informed if they will be offered an interview, waitlisted, or not offered an interview.

Plastic Surgery

- Friday, November 7, 2025 starting at 10 a.m. CST – All interview offers made
 - Interview offers limited to the number of interview slots available
 - For programs that schedule manually, invited applicants may begin responding to the first round of invitations starting at 10 a.m. CST on Friday, November 7 and must respond by Monday, November 10 at 11 a.m. CST
 - For programs that use scheduling software, invited applicants should schedule their interviews when they receive their scheduling link on Monday, November 10
- Monday, November 10, 2025 at 10 a.m. CST – Interview scheduling may begin
 - Applicants have several days to consider their options and accept or decline
 - Once programs have heard from “first round” invitations, they may issue more interview offers for unfilled slots

Thoracic Surgery*

- Very little information available yet
- *Unconfirmed* interview release date: Tuesday, October 21
 - Based on past years, this will be followed by a 24-hour moratorium on communication
 - Based on past years, applicants will have approximately 48 hours to respond to invitations. The following day, programs can start scheduling interviews/confirming interviews + programs can send additional invitations to unfilled spots.

Urology

- Friday, October 24, 2025 – All programs participating in the Match to extend interview offers to applicants
 - Programs must also release their waitlist and rejection notifications on this date

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- Monday, October 27, 2025 – Applicants able to contact programs to accept or decline interview offers
 - Students are prohibited from contacting programs before this date
 - After reviewing acceptances and rejections, programs may offer additional interviews to waitlisted applicants
- Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – “Flush Day” – Applicants may release previously accepted interview offers in favor of interviews offered from a waitlist
 - After Flush Day, all interview acceptances are final and must be honored by the student and program; No cancellations are permitted by either party