

APPLYING FOR FELLOWSHIPS

1. Identify training programs of interest with FREIDA (Fellowship and Residency Electronic Interactive Database): <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/2997.html>
 - Contains information regarding all fellowship training programs available at institutions across the country
 - Lists websites and program director contact information for each fellowship training program

2. To begin the application process, visit the ERAS Fellowships Applicant Site: <http://www.aamc.org/students/erasfellow/start.htm>
 - Most programs in every subspecialty participate in ERAS, but some do not. Visit the ERAS website to find out if programs you are interested in either participate in ERAS or require their own applications. Also, visit specific program websites to gather more information regarding the application process each program employs. If a training program does not participate in ERAS, its website should offer information outlining how to apply.
 - According to the ERAS website, for all medical subspecialties participating in ERAS with the exception of geriatric medicine (which begins application review on July 15), the following application timeline should be followed:

Date	Activity
Late June 2006	ERAS 2007 Fellowship Applicant Manuals will be available for PDF download by chapters or in its entirety on our Web site.
Late June 2006	EFDO begins to generate and distribute MyERAS tokens.
July 1, 2006	MyERAS Web site opens to applicants to begin working on their applications.
November 15, 2006	Applicants may begin to submit finalized applications to specialties.
December 1, 2006	ERAS PostOffice opens to December start specialties for downloading.
May 31, 2007	ERAS PostOffice will close to prepare for the 2008 season.
June 2007	Match results become available for December start fellowship specialties that hold matches.
July 1, 2008	Fellows begin their training.

Eras Fellowship Document Office--"EFDO" (obtain MyERAS token here to gain access to MyERAS): <https://www.erasfellowshipdocuments.org/>
 MyERAS: <https://services.aamc.org/eras/myeras2007/>

A few things to emphasize here based on the above timeline:

- You may begin working on your ERAS fellowship application (for those programs you're applying to that utilize ERAS) as early as July 1.
- The earliest date ERAS applications may be electronically finalized and submitted is November 15.
- Fellowship programs can't access submitted ERAS applications until December 1
- Fellowship programs not participating in ERAS may employ an entirely different timeline than those that do. Please check with each program you're interested in that does not participate in ERAS regarding expected timeline of events (application due date, interview season, etc.)
- FYI: ERAS is not used to rank/select fellowship programs. It's only used to disseminate applications to participating training programs.

3. Interview Season

The timing of this varies not only between subspecialties, but within each subspecialty based on whether a program participates in ERAS or not. Please check with each program you're interested in or with your advisor for further details regarding when to expect to interview.

4. The Selection Process:

As of this time, the following specialties (regardless of ERAS participatory status), participate in a match process to select fellows. This process is managed by the familiar National Resident Matching Program (NRMP): <http://www.nrmp.org/>

- Cardiovascular Disease
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology
- Hematology/Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Oncology
- Pulmonary Disease
- Pulmonary and Critical Care
- Rheumatology

Subspecialties missing from this list include Allergy & Immunology, Endocrinology, and Nephrology. Training programs in these subspecialties continue to utilize an "offer system" to select fellows rather than a formal match. The offer system is tricky in that fellowship offers may be made by programs at any point during an applicant's interview season, including prior to the completion of all planned interviews. Programs utilizing the offer system may be switching to the NRMP match in the near future—check with your advisor and look at program websites for further details.

Below is a timeline of events for the NRMP for this year's fellowship match:

Specialty & Appointment Year	Match Begins (Registration)	Rank Order List Opens	Quota Change Deadline	Rank Order List Closes	Match Day
Medical Specialties* (MSMP) 2008	01/03/07	04/11/07	05/23/07	06/06/07	06/20/07

GOOD LUCK, and let your chiefs know if you have any questions!!! ☺