



Preparing Students for September Early Opening!

On Thursday September 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. ET students may begin applying to ACGME-accredited residency programs, ten days before programs are given access to applications and supporting documents on September 15. All applications submitted September 5-15 will be date-stamped “**September 15, 2019**” for programs.

Help Students Prepare for September Early Opening

Please encourage your students to review and carefully proofread their application before certifying and submitting. Once they [certify and submit](#) their applications—including those completed September 5 through September 15—they will **not** be able to make any changes except to the Personal Information section of their MyERAS application. [Application fee](#) refunds will not be provided for any reason, so please urge your students to certify and submit only when they are certain their application is complete and correct.

Students Should Research Programs of Interest Before Applying

Students should practice due diligence and research individual program’s requirements and deadlines during the application process. To help applicants determine which programs are the best fit for their interests and skills, programs may provide additional details about their selection criteria and application requirements in ERAS. When students search for programs in MyERAS, **informational icons will appear beside the names of programs that have provided additional information**, which applicants can view by clicking on or selecting the program’s link.

Letters of Recommendation (LoRs)

Please remind students that all letters of recommendation (LoRs) must be uploaded using the ERAS LoR Portal (LoRP) by LoR authors or their designees. The designees may not be members of the teaching hospital (in an advising role) or medical school staff supporting in the application process. Students can check the status of their LoRs and assign them

(once they are uploaded) to programs in MyERAS under the Documents tab and LoR section under the Programs Applied/Saved tab.

How can students get ready?

The following applicant resources are available to assist your students through the application process:

- [Overall ERAS 2020 Timeline](#)
- [ERAS Residency Applicant Checklist](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions for Residency Applicants](#)
- [Tools and Worksheets for Residency Applicants](#)
- [AAMC's Organization of Student Representatives \(OSR\) - Effectively Utilizing ERAS Webinar Recording](#)

In the coming weeks, we will be sending more information about the residency application process and tasks they need to complete in MyERAS. The information above was provided to your students today.

If you have any questions or need technical assistance as you begin your application process, please contact the [ERAS Help Desk](#).

Best Wishes,
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