

Applying to the UMass Medical School General Surgery Residency

Our top priorities are to ensure your personal safety and providing a fair and equitable for all applicants. As the APDS, NRMP, AAMC, and Coalition of Physician Accountability make recommendations regarding the 2021-2022 Interview Cycle, this site will be updated with details around our application and interview process.

To achieve this:

- All interviews will be virtual.
- We will not be sponsoring any on-site visits or in-person events.
- We will only offer invitations for the number of slots we have available.
- Applicants will have 48 hours to respond to interview requests. If additional interview slots become available after the initial invitation cycle, additional interview offers will have a 48-hour response time.
- We request a two-week cancellation notice if you are not able to attend your interview.
- All interviewers and reviewers will take part in implicit bias training.
- All applications will undergo a holistic review in which the applicants' varied life experiences, accomplishments and attributes will be taken into consideration.
- While we welcome communication after the interview, post-interview communication from applicants is not required and will not impact the rank list.

Applicants should review Office of Graduate Medical Education [eligibility requirements](#).

Required documents include:

- Completed [ERAS](#) application.
- United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) transcript (first-time pass is required)
- Medical school transcript
- Personal statement
- Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate if applicable
- Citizenship/visa status
- Three letters of recommendation. Optimal letters discuss an applicant's unique attributes and preparedness for General Surgery, and many times are best when written by a writer who knows the applicant best.

All required documents must be submitted through ERAS and will not be accepted outside of ERAS. Applications will **only** be accepted through the Electronic Residency Application Service ([ERAS](#)).

Categorical interviews will be:

- December 2, 2021
- December 8, 2021
- December 17, 2021
- January 6, 2022
- January 12, 2022

Separate preliminary PGY-1 and PGY-2 interviews will be offered.

Supplemental ERAS Application

For the 2022 ERAS® cycle, our program will strongly encourage all applicants to complete a supplemental ERAS application, offered through the AAMC's ERAS program. Applicants also will be required to complete the MyERAS application.

The additional information will help our program staff learn more about applicants' medical education journey, including more meaningful information about work, volunteer, and research experiences, and help us better identify applicants who fit our program environment and mission.

This supplemental ERAS application will be delivered on a survey platform outside the MyERAS application and must be completed between September 1 and September 30.

[Please bookmark the supplemental ERAS application section of the AAMC website to find the latest information, FAQs, and resources.](#)

All required documents must be submitted through ERAS and will not be accepted otherwise. If there are any date changes made by AAMC or NRMP, these will be reflected on the website.

The institution accepts a standardized personal statement but suggests that applicants consider discussing attributes that will help foster the applicant's competence and resilience.

To ensure safety and equity of applicants, all interviews will be conducted virtually. We will adhere to recommendations made by APDS regarding the interview season

Please feel free to email any questions to the Surgical Education Office at Mary.cawley@umassmed.edu.