

## 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 and as such, the General Surgery Residency Program will align to national recommendations.

### To achieve this:

- All interviews will be virtual.
- Pending COVID, we will be offering an optional live site visit on Friday, February 10, 2023 with a pre-visit dinner and after the program's rank list is submitted.
- The first round of categorical General Surgery interviews will be offered from Wednesday, October 26, 2022-Tuesday, November 1, 2022. We will plan to post the date of release in the future.
- 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.

Applications will **only** be accepted through the Electronic Residency Application Service ([ERAS](#)). The institution accepts a standardized personal statement but suggests that applicants consider discussing attributes that will help foster the applicant's competence and resilience.

### Categorical interviews will be:

November 30, 2022  
December 7, 2022  
December 16, 2022

December 21, 2022

January 5, 2023

Preliminary PGY1 and PGY2 interviews will be offered on separate dates.

**Supplemental ERAS Application**

For the 2023 ERAS® cycle, our program will strongly encourage, though not require, 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.

Please feel free to email any questions to the Surgical Education Office at [Candace.Mooney@umassmed.edu](mailto:Candace.Mooney@umassmed.edu)