

# Fellowship Application TIMELINE

**April:** Begin working on your personal statement and updating your CV (you will use these when you meet with your letter writers); make an appointment with Dr. McConville to discuss your application.

**May 1- Mid May:** Begin soliciting letters of recommendation. Send your letter writers a copy of your updated CV and a draft of your personal statement and ask to set up a meeting to discuss your career interests and goals so your letters accurately reflect your goals and are congruent with the rest of your application.

**Mid-May to June 1:** Finish asking for your letters of rec for fellowship and meeting with your letter writers. (You should be finished asking for your letters of rec NO LATER than June 1, to give your letter writers 4-6 weeks to complete the letters. Technically letters are due on July 15 but that is cutting it close to the deadline, as letters must be confirmed by ERAS before they can be uploaded which can take several days. So, we recommend telling letter writers to have letters in by early July.

**May- June:** Start making a list of programs where you want to apply.

**~June 6:** ERAS opens, obtain token <https://apps.aamc.org/myeras-web/#/landing> and begin preparing the necessary documents and entering information into ERAS. You want all of your information entered into ERAS and a final draft of your personal statement uploaded by early July.

**~July 1:** First date to submit completed ERAS application.

**~July 5-7:** Make sure all of your Letters of Rec have been uploaded. If not, send reminder to letter writers.

**~July 15:** Fellowship programs may begin downloading ERAS. Make sure your completed application is submitted well BEFORE July 15 as fellowships will begin downloading applications on July 15.

**August:** Begin networking and searching for jobs if not pursuing fellowship

- Contact Human Resources, MD recruitment director, section chiefs

- Search in ACP, AAIM job databases

- Ask UChicago MD's if they have professional connections

**Aug-Oct:** Fellowship interview season

**~Oct:** Register for NRMP. Rank order list opens.

**Aug-Sept:** In-training exam

- Final objective assessment of your medical knowledge before boards

- Not "mandatory" but expected of all PGY3's

**Oct-Feb:** Job interview season

**Mid November:** Register with NRMP and Rank order list due for fellowship match

**~Dec. 5:** Match Day for Medicine Fellowship Specialties Match

**December 1:** Register for ABIM board examination

**January 1:** Apply for state licensure, controlled substances, DEA

Begin planning ACP trip

**Jan-April:** Negotiate job offers, accept a position

**April:** ACP trip

**May & June** Begin winding down projects

Begin check-out process for leaving the residency program

For fellowship timelines, check out the AAMC's ERAS timeline and the NRMP's Fellowship Match webpages and MedChiefs

<http://www.nrmp.org/fellowships/medical-specialties-matching-program/>

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/training-residency-fellowship/article/eras-fellowship-timeline/>

If you are looking to find a job after residency (either as a destination or a “gap year”), the ACP has an excellent Resident Career Counseling page.

[https://www.acponline.org/residents\\_fellows/career\\_counseling/guidance.htm](https://www.acponline.org/residents_fellows/career_counseling/guidance.htm)

## SUMMARY OF FINANCES

Additional expenses arise during the senior year. The following list is to help you budget for these expenditures:

- ABIM Exam Registration \$1410
- Illinois permanent License \$700 (vary by state)
- State Controlled Substance License: \$5
- DEA Number: Approximately \$730
- Job interview and fellowship interview costs – big variability in terms of # of programs, local/non-local, hotels, etc
- Step 3 (if you haven't already) \$800

**TOTAL:** Expect **\$4000 to \$5000** in expenses in your PGY3 year!

## Some tips for your Fellowship Application

- Try to create a narrative and story of what career you want for yourself? Ask yourself where you want to be in 10 years. What kind of job do you want? Are you interested in Academic Medicine or Private Practice? Are you interested in a career in research? Medical education? A purely clinical career?
  - o Don't fall into the trap of saying you want to do “all 3” (clinical, education, research). Try to choose one that interests you and build a story around that

- Make sure you share your goals with your letter writers so your application paints a consistent picture of who you are and what you want to do.