

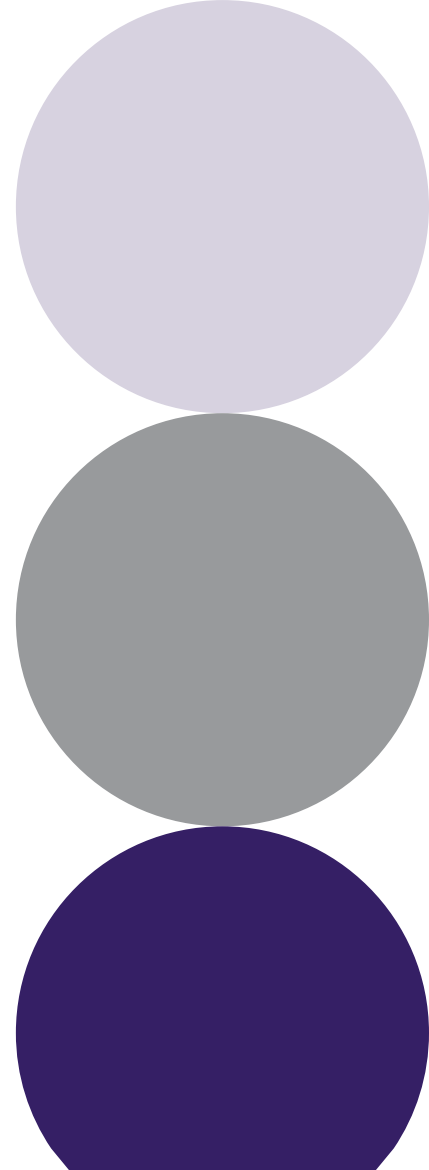


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2021 Advice for the Ophthalmology Residency Match





Purpose of this Webinar

- In this 90-minute webinar with Q&A, department chairs, medical student and resident educators in ophthalmology, as well as those who also hold roles in the dean's office will share guidance about applying for this year's ophthalmology residency match. Our goal is to provide the most up-to-date information from a group of dedicated educators who have diverse roles and geographic perspectives to our applicants and faculty that mentor students applying to the Ophthalmology match.
- Attendees will receive a handout with links to useful resources.
- This webinar and associated handout will be posted on both the AUPO and AAO websites



Overview of the topics

- SF Match Timeline and What's New? - **Rukhsana Mirza, MD**
- Ophthalmology Residency Process
The Personal Statement / Defining your Journey - **Keith D. Carter, MD**
- Application Revisions: Moving Beyond the Personal Statement - **David Quillen, MD**
- The Ophthalmology Away Elective - **Lisa Kelly, MD**
- Identifying Mentors for LORs / What's a Good Letter? - **Janice C. Law, MD**
- Advice from the Dean's Office - **Chris Alabiad, MD**
- Assessment of a Program - **Jeff Pettey, MD, MBA**
- SF Match Interviews: Central Scheduling - **Misha Syed, MD, MEHP**
- Advice for the 2021 Match Cycle - **R. Michael Siatkowski, MD, MBA**
- Open Q/A

Speakers have no conflicts to disclose

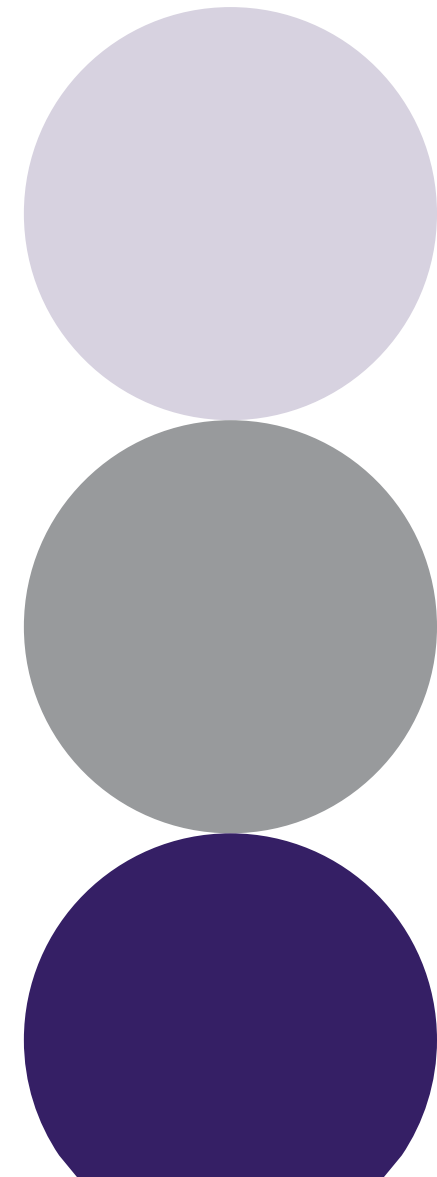


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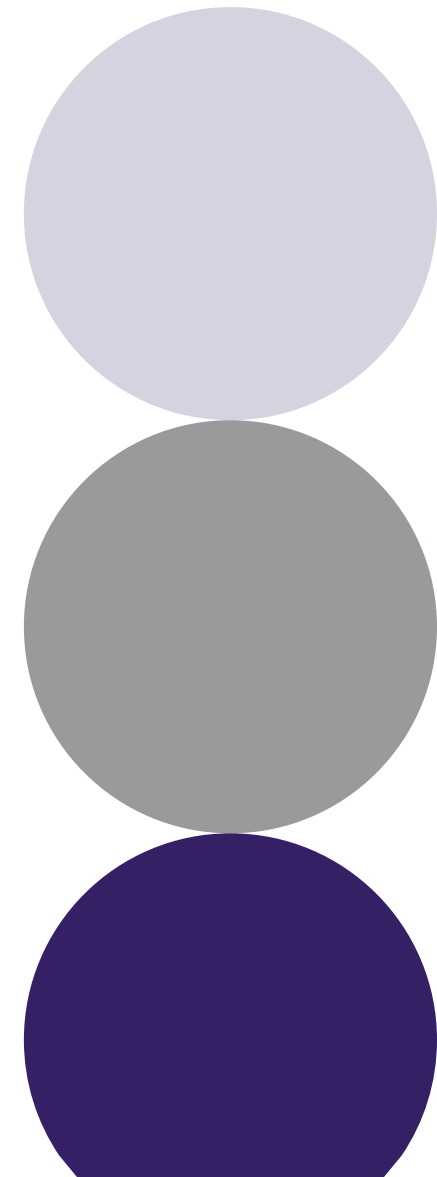


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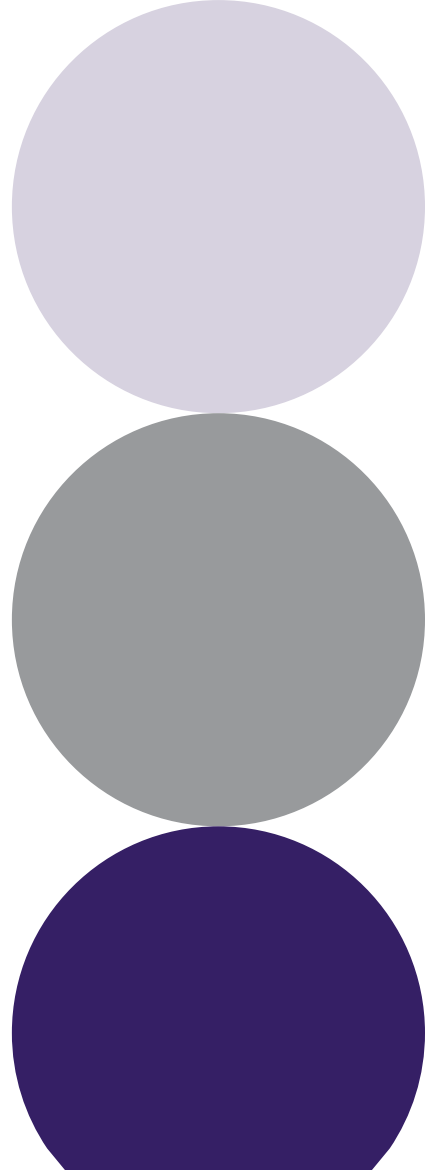


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What should I be doing right now?





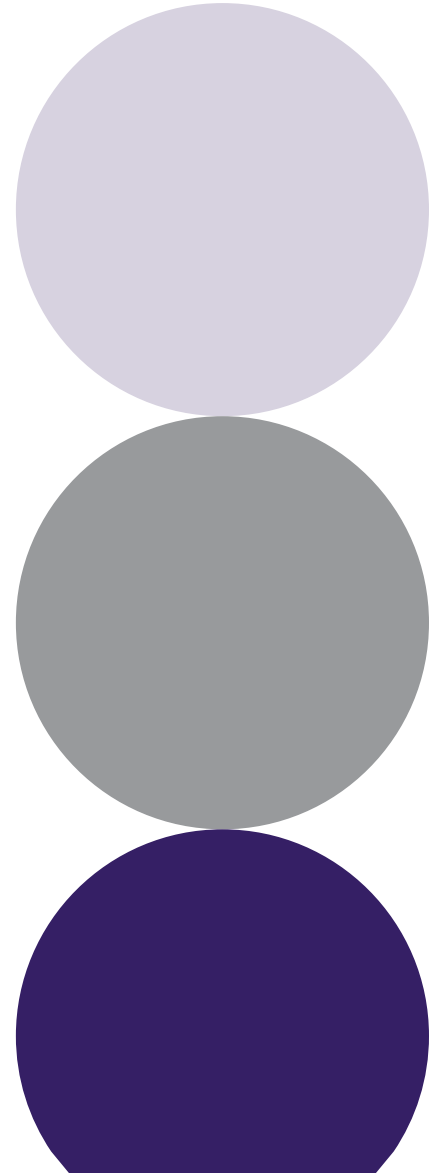
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SF Match Timeline and What's New?

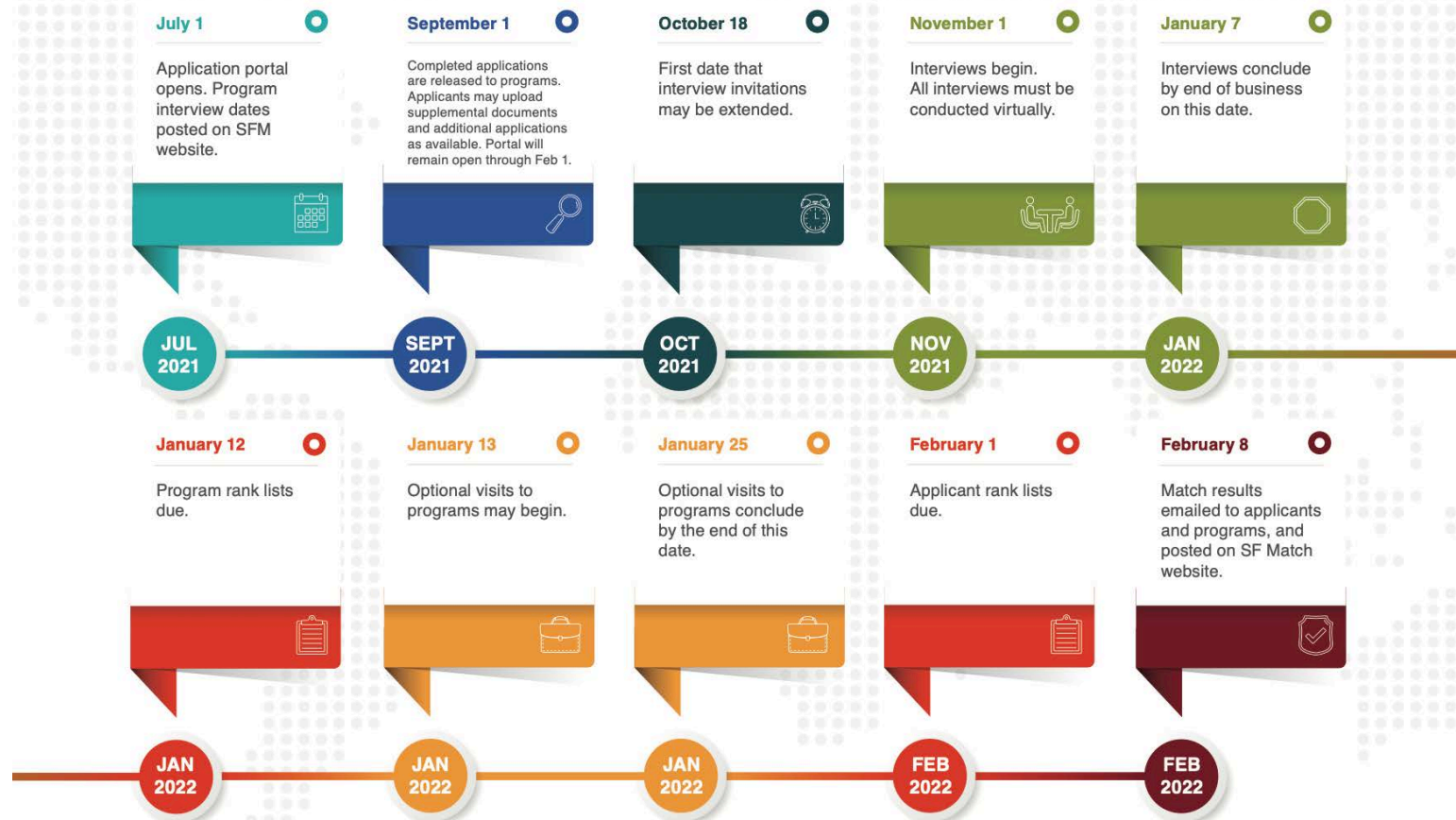
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Ophthalmology Residency Match Timeline for 2021–2022*



*Subject to change if circumstances dictate



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July 1: Applicant registration portal opens.

Sept 1: Completed applications are released to programs.

Applications will continue to be sent to programs on a rolling basis as they are completed.

SF Match does not have a firm deadline to submit applications, although individual programs may have one.

Applicants are responsible for contacting programs for their individual deadlines.

October 18: Programs begin to extend invitations to interview to applicants.

Interview invitations will continue to be sent on a rolling basis at the discretion of individual programs.

Individuals will be able to accept a maximum of 18 interviews.

Nov 1: Interviews begin. **All interviews will be virtual this year.**

Jan 7: Final day of interviews.

Jan 12: Program deadline to submit rank lists.

Jan 13: Optional live program visits begin.

Jan 25: Last day for live program visits.

Feb 1: Applicant deadline to submit rank lists.


Feb 8: Match results made available to applicants, residency programs, and medical schools.



- Personal statement.
 - In order to increase diversity within the profession and to obtain a more holistic review of applicants, the former one-page personal statement has been replaced.
 - 500 word autobiographical sketch.
 - The application will contain a list of several short essay questions, and applicants will be asked to choose two of them to answer. (250 words each)



- Please be aware that some Ophthalmology residency programs may be evaluating holistic assessment tools as part of a voluntary pilot for the upcoming application cycle and that, at this time, these tools are not endorsed, approved, or required by AUPO, the AAO, or the SF Match.
- If you choose to apply to a program that is participating in the pilot, you will receive further instructions at the time of your application by the participating program.

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- The demographic portion of the portal will now include a query regarding gender identification in order to understand diversity in our profession. This question is completely optional, and **answers will not be provided to programs**, but will be used by the SF Match for demographic purposes only.



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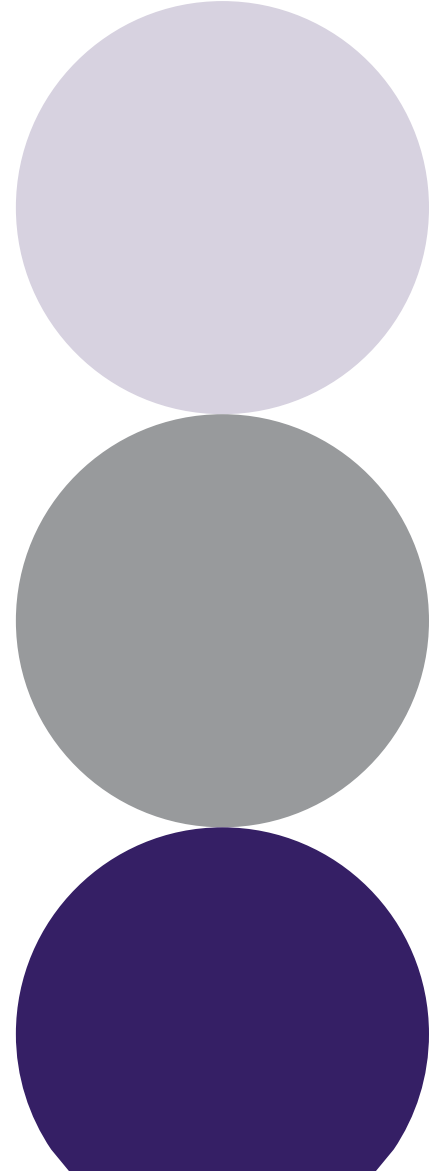


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Ophthalmology Residency Process

The Personal Statement/ Defining your Journey

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Developing your Personal Statement

- Most important message is “Why you will be an excellent resident and physician”
- Opportunity to tell YOUR story - YOUR JOURNEY
- Life event, experiences in school, research, clinical care, community service



Don'ts:

- Don't describe why the field you are applying to is interesting – the interview committee already knows this, as this is their field.
- Don't use cliché phrases that are likely overused
- Don't highlight qualities which may have the committee question your suitability as a resident (i.e., amblyopia when applying to ophthalmology) – this issue is tricky as it can be considered a disability, so I recommend speaking with a trusted advisor about nuances of this.



Consider:

- If there is a noticeable gap in your application – time off for medical or academic reasons, academic probation, a low step 1 score – this could be addressed in the personal statement. This is a personal decision.
- Revise your statement frequently and ask mentors to review.
- Don't misspell O-p-h-t-h-a-l-m-o-l-o-g-y



- AUPO is changing the personal statement format
- Short autobiographic statement
- Short answer questions
- Details will follow this presentation
- These guidelines should still be relevant- as you prepare for the match and defining your story is critical for the interview as well



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Application Revisions: Moving Beyond the Personal Statement

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- *“I received my first pair of eyeglasses in the 3rd grade. With each lens click, I gained more clarity in my vision and my life’s purpose: I knew I wanted to be an ophthalmologist.”*
- *“Ophthalmologists treat patients of all ages and are able to provide the full spectrum of eye care services from routine vision exams to complex ocular surgeries.”*
- *“It is inspiring to observe the impact ophthalmologists have on the lives of their patients.”*



Personal Statement: Applicant's Perspective

- Opportunity to highlight personal attributes that may not be addressed in other sections of the application
- One of the most challenging—and dreaded—components of the application
- Ambiguous goals and objectives
 - personal accomplishments/characteristics?
 - life experiences impacting career choice?
 - desirable qualities of ophthalmology?
 - ultimate career aspirations?



Personal Statement: Reviewer's Perspective

- Conflicting perspectives on value and importance
 - Ranked 18/25 of applicant characteristics thought to be predictive of future resident performance by program directors, chairs, or resident selection committee representatives (Nallasamy et al. *Ophthalmology*. 2010;117:1041-1047)
 - High prevalence of common themes limiting their utility to differentiate candidates (White et al. *J Surg Educ*. 2012;69:340-434)
 - Evaluation of personal statement is highly subjective with lack of inter-rater correlation (White et al. *J Surg Educ*. 2012;69:340-434)
 - Implicit bias may contribute to gender disparities (Demzik et al. *Urology*. 2021;150:2-8)



Moving Beyond the Personal Statement

- Goals
 - To enhance diversity and inclusivity within Ophthalmology
 - To ensure a fair and equitable application process
 - To promote and facilitate a holistic review of applicants
- Based on the recommendation of the Match Oversight Committee, the AUPO Board of Trustees approved the replacement of the personal statement with:
 - Autobiographical Sketch
 - Short Essay Questions

What's new for 2021???

- Autobiographical Sketch
 - Opportunity to share your story—your personal “elevator pitch” on who you are and why you believe you are a qualified applicant
 - Opportunity to highlight background, personal characteristics, unique or differentiating qualities and/or experiences that distinguish you as a person and as an applicant
- Short Essay Questions
 - Applicants will select two questions from a short list of standardized questions generated by the AUPO Match Oversight Committee
 - The use of standardized questions provides direction to applicants, promotes consistency and fairness, and enhances the ability of reviewers to compare responses among applicants

What's new for 2021???

- Customization Options
 - Applicants have the ability to customize their autobiographical sketch for individual residency programs
 - Opportunity to express specific interest and/or unique qualifications to targeted programs
 - Not recommended for all programs but may be option for “preference signaling” limited number of programs
 - Applicants have ability to select different short essay questions for individual residency programs
 - Technically possible but we expect most applicants will answer only two short essay questions and submit the same answers to all of the programs



Best wishes for a successful
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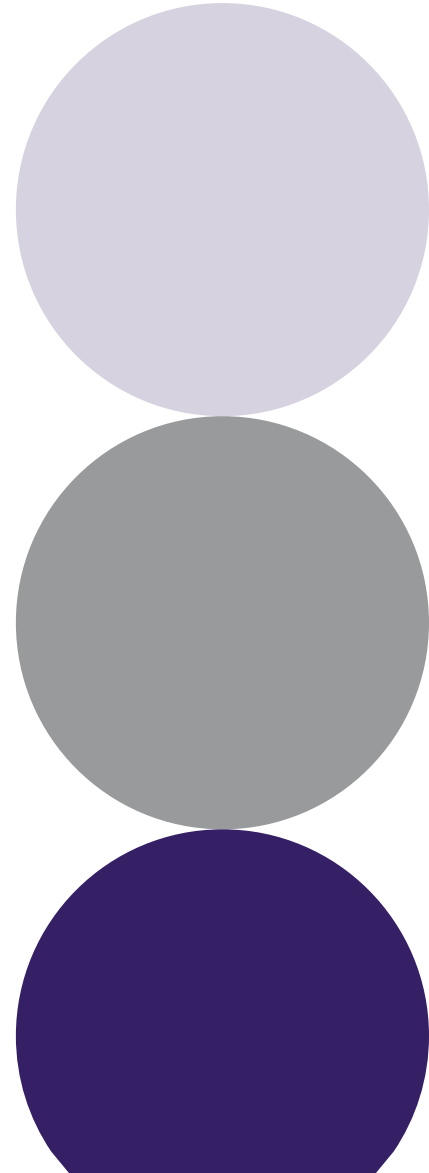
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The Ophthalmology Away Elective

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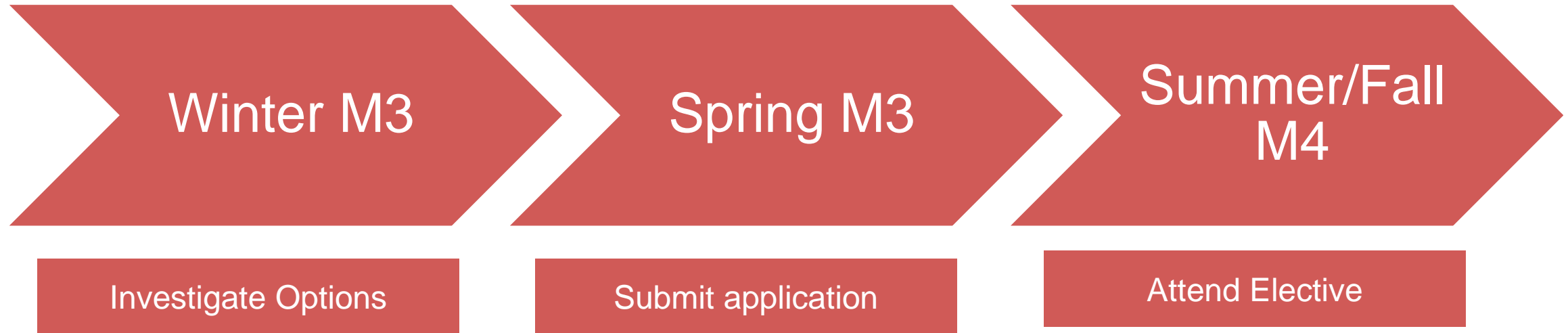


What is an Away Elective?

An away elective is not required to match in ophthalmology

- M4 elective at a location other than your home institution
- An opportunity to broaden your experience and exposure to ophthalmology.
- Coordinated by the AAMC VSLO (Visiting student learning opportunities)
- Requires an application submitted via VSAS
- Due to COVID students are only allowed one away elective

Away Elective Timeline



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Why do an Away Elective?

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- Exposure to a new ophthalmology learning environment
- Opportunity to work with a mentor
- Concentrated exposure to a particular topic of interest in ophthalmology
- Increased chance of being offered a residency interview

Con

- Financial cost
- Opportunity cost
- Schools have different academic calendars
- You may not get your first choice of program(s)

Determining Where to do an Away Elective

- Consult with your mentor(s)
- Seek advice from older students and residents
- Consider desired geographic locations
- Consider locations where you will have social support
- Consider programs with clinical strength in your area of interest
- Consult Texas Star or Doximity for program information



How to Ace the Application Process

- Study and understand the VSAS application process
- Visit individual program websites for additional information
- Start your investigation early
- Stay organized – consider creating a spreadsheet
- Know which immunizations are required
- Arrange a social support system if possible - housing, transportation and daily living.



Put your Best Foot Forward on Away Electives

- Know as much as you can about the program
- Read about the faculty that you will work with
- Review the syllabus and know what will be expected of you
- Have a support system in place for housing and transportation
- Make sure that your clinical ophthalmology skills are polished
- Practice your presentation skills
- Review your fund of knowledge
- Be pleasant to everyone that you interact with

Long-term Benefits

- Let faculty and residents know of your interest in the away residency program
- Send thank you notes/ follow-up email letting key faculty know that you appreciated the opportunity
- Stay connected via research projects or other opportunities. This is an opportunity to enhance your professional network and identify potential mentors.



Take Aways

- Consider doing an away elective early
- Study the VSAS process – know it well
- Be clear about your goals and objectives
- Optimize your application
- Be prepared to do an outstanding job during your away elective

References

- **VSAS Covid updates** <https://www.aamc.org/what-we-do/mission-areas/medical-education/away-rotations-interviews-2020-21-residency-cycle>
- **VSAS application process** <https://students-residents.aamc.org/students/explore-urim-opportunities-visiting-students>
- **Texas Star** <https://www.utsouthwestern.edu/education/medical-school/about-the-school/student-affairs/texas-star.html>
- **URIM opportunities** <https://students-residents.aamc.org/students/explore-urim-opportunities-visiting-students>



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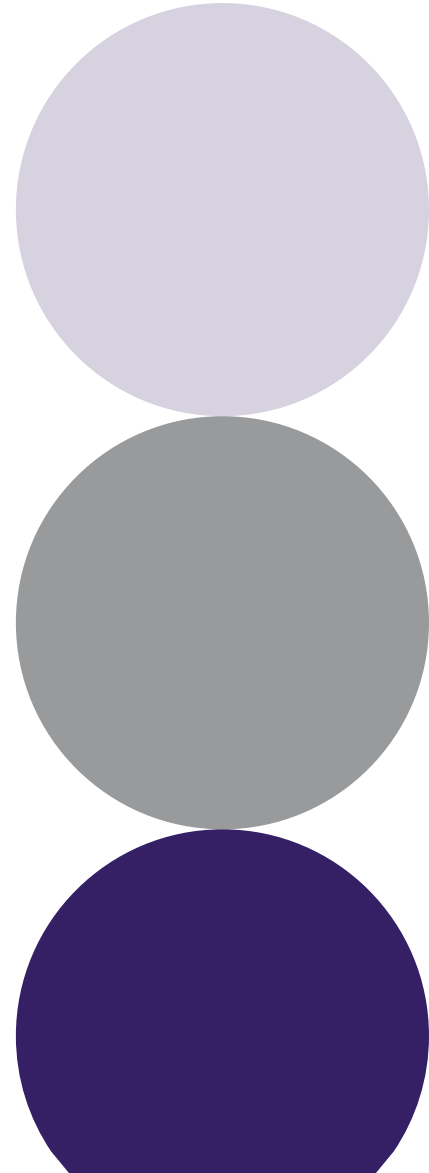


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Identifying Mentors for LORs

What's a Good Letter?

Janice C. Law, MD
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July 7, 2021



What's in a recommendation letter?

- The context the letter writer knows you
- Review of achievements
- Specific and personal examples
 - of your performance
 - aspects that set you apart
- What qualities you will bring to the residency
- Explain any hardships or challenges



Identifying a mentor for letters

Ask yourself...

- Who has seen and interacted with me in these domains:
 - Clinical reasoning
 - Patient care team
 - Research (Analytical skills and writing)
- Who has witnessed my:
 - Leadership or service
 - Communication skills
 - Professionalism/Integrity



- Who can speak to my strengths?
 - What are they? List them.

*Note – only one letter needs to come from an ophthalmologist
Some internships require Internal Medicine or Surgery letter*

The ASK

- Initiate in person or email, but always follow up with email
 - Let people know your intentions early (i.e. after a rotation or before a rotation)
- Be sure adequate time is given to write (4-6 weeks)
- Set up a one-on-one meeting
 - Discuss key attributes you want to highlight
 - Discuss concerns you have about your application
- Before the meeting, email these:
 - Updated professional CV
 - Personal statement or autobiography
 - Photograph (optional)
 - Ask if you need to prepare anything else
- After the meeting:
 - Follow up with thank you email
 - Include deadline reminder, submission details and short summary of meeting
 - Ask if it would help to send a reminder email when deadline is closer



Unique situations

- What if mentors say no?
- What if they ask you to draft your own letter?
- What if you mainly worked with residents/fellows?
- How do you address the following in your letter?
 - Reapplying
 - Probation
 - Remediation
 - Hardships

Opportunities to enhance or deepen interactions

- Virtual mentoring
- Research or case reports
- New initiatives
- Invitations and outreach
- Shadowing



Mentee expectations



- **Commitment:** To fully participate in the mentoring relationship
- **Responsibility:** To accept responsibility for his/her career development
- **Honesty/Authenticity:** To communicate honestly with the mentor and communicate often
- **Proactive:** To take initiative in seeking help and feedback from the mentor
- **Receptive:** Willingness to listen, learn, and change
- **Follow through:** To implement feedback and complete tasks



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Thank You and Good Luck!

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Advice from the Dean's Office

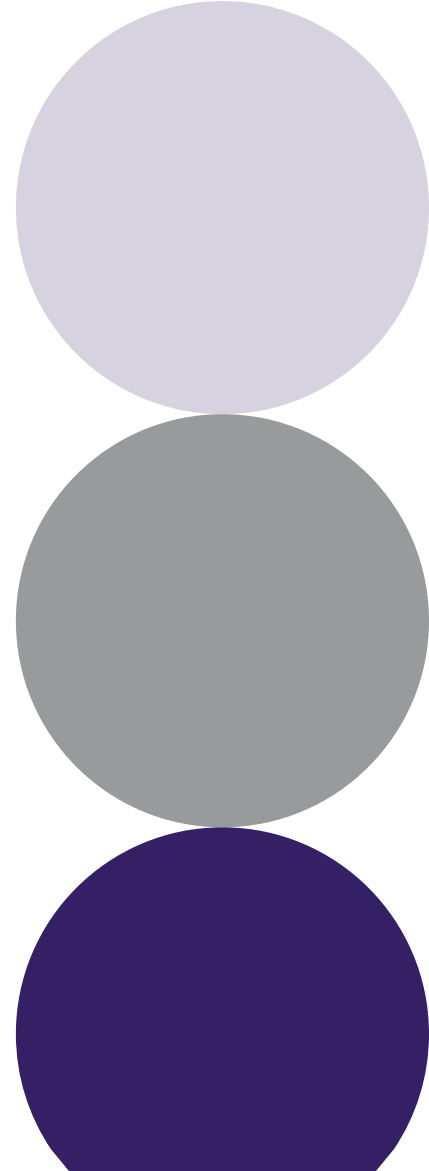
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Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

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Is Ophthalmology the right career for me?

- Gauging interest
 - Clinic/OR shadowing opportunities
 - Virtual opportunities : Grand Rounds, Lectures, Conferences
- Identify a specialty specific mentor

How do I stack up against the crowd?

Factors to Consider:

- USMLE Step 1 Score
- Class Standing
- Research Accomplishments
- Unique interest/talent
- Adversity
- Supportive mentor
- Leadership/Service

How does one improve their odds?

- No "one size fits all" answer
- Can't undo certain metrics
- BUT, you can ...
 - Try to do well on USMLE Step 2 CK
 - Demonstrate dedication to/passion for the field through research



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Speaking of USMLE Step 2 CK...

- When should I take it?
- How important is it?
- How long to prepare for it?
- What if my score comes in after I submit my application?



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What options can I consider if I don't measure up?

- Are you “Ophthalmology or bust”
 - Consider a research year
 - Not a guarantee to secure a match the following year
- Are you happy in any clinical setting?
 - Consider double applying



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Taking a year off for research/ other degree

- Important factors:
 - Identify a supportive mentor with a track record of success
 - Identify a research topic that stimulates you
- Consider applying for a research fellowship
 - NIH Medical Research Scholars Program
 - RPB Medical Student Research Fellowship
 - Home institution student research programs

Working on the MSPE/Deans Letter

- Work closely with your advising dean on 3 unique characteristics/contributions
- Review your clerkship narratives for accuracy

It's time to apply! Where do I apply?

- Tips to applying SMART:
 - IGNORE THE RANKINGS!! This is about YOU!
 - Reflect on YOUR learning style and career goals
 - independent vs closely supervised environment?
 - research a big component of your future career?
 - interest in pursuing a fellowship vs being a comprehensive ophthalmologist?
 - Are there “life” mentors and “career” mentors you identify with?
 - How important is proximity to your family/social support system?
 - Talk to your ophthalmology mentor to identify programs aligning with above



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Assessment of a Program

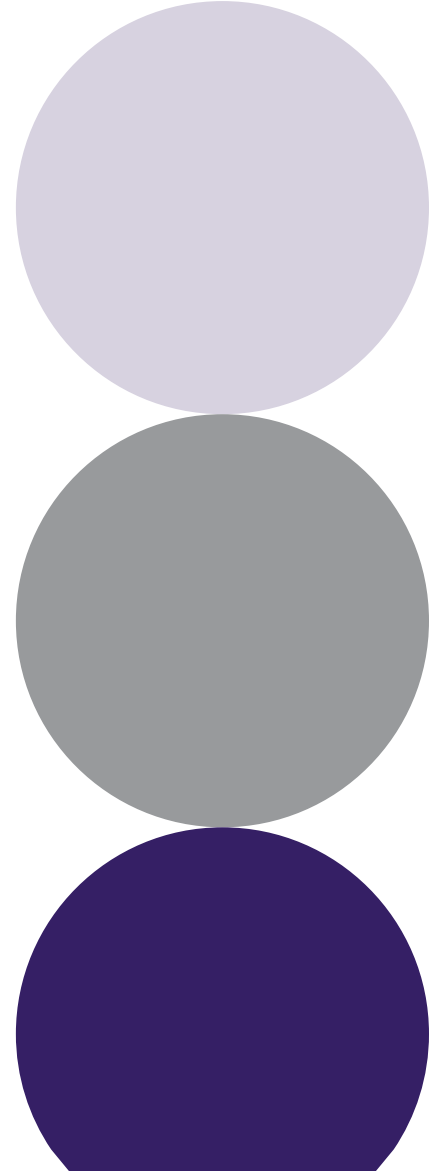
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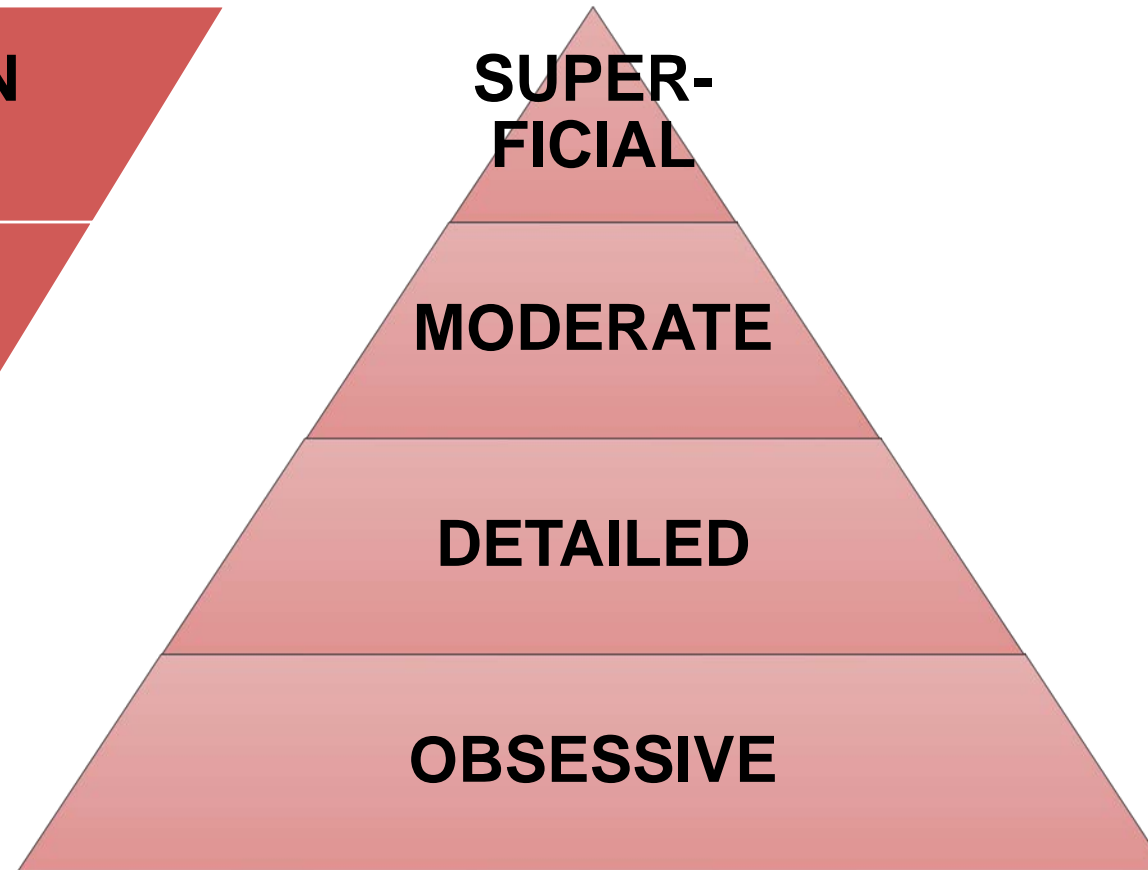
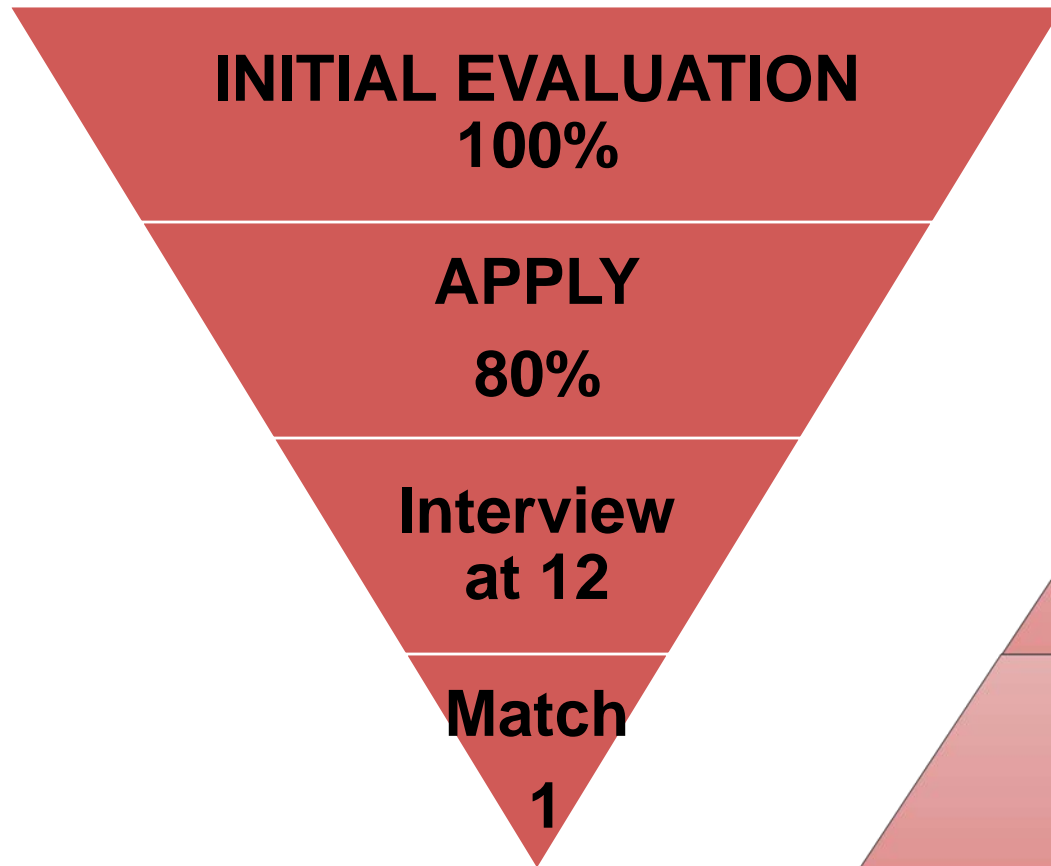
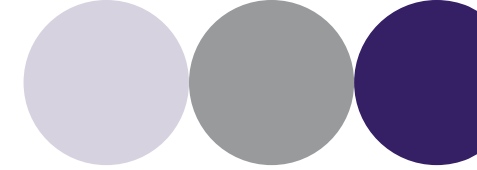


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Program Assessment Pearls



Lean Into Bias

Sampling Bias
Confirmation Bias
Familiarity Heuristic



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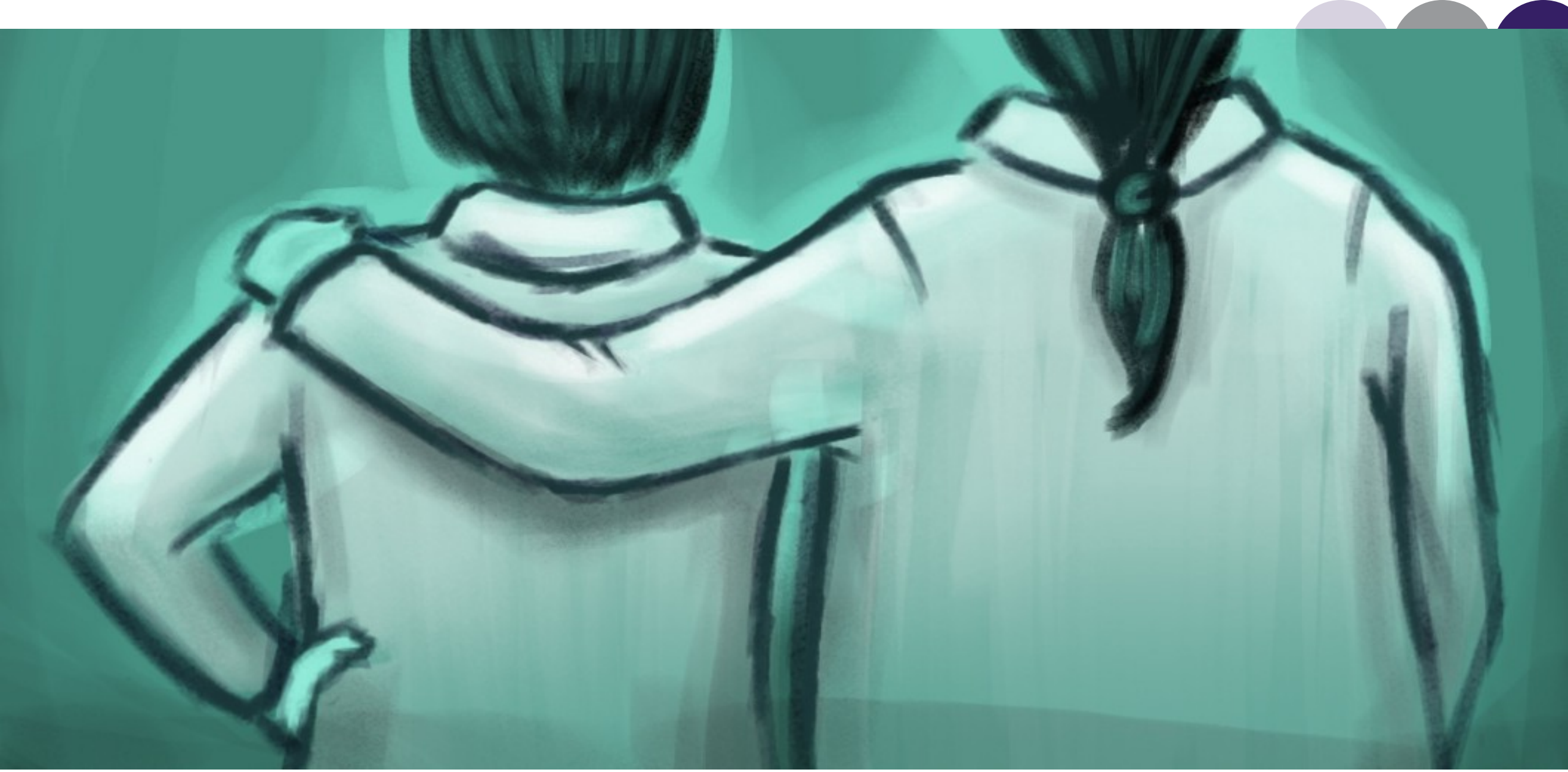
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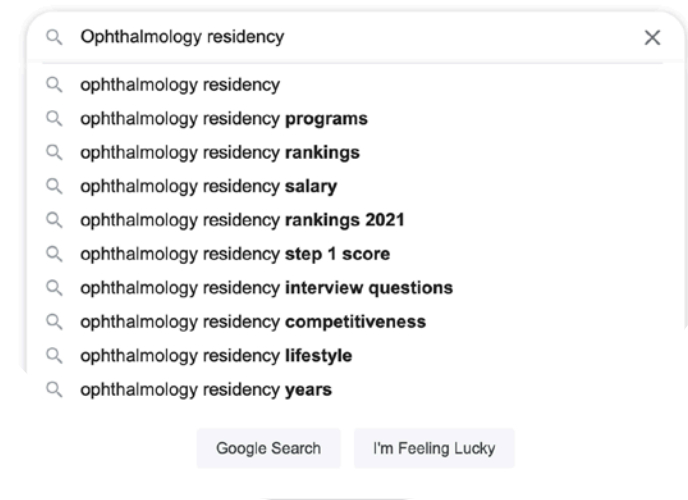
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Program Assessment TOOLS

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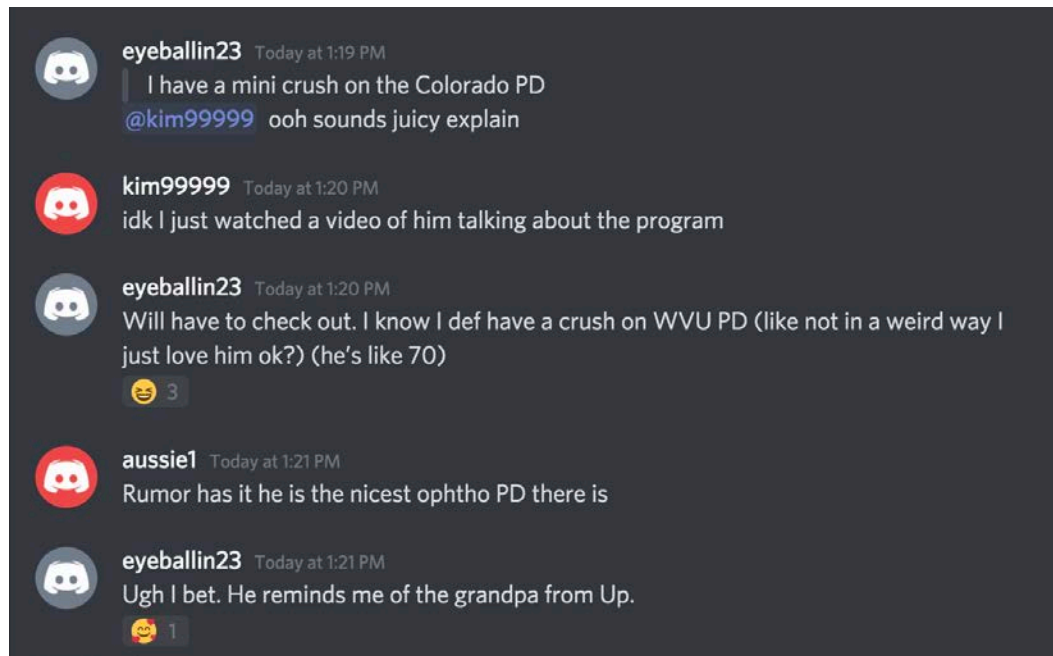


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eyeballin23 Today at 1:19 PM

I have a mini crush on the Colorado PD
[@kim99999](#) ooh sounds juicy explain



kim99999 Today at 1:20 PM

idk I just watched a video of him talking about the program



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Will have to check out. I know I def have a crush on WVU PD (like not in a weird way I just love him ok?) (he's like 70)



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aussie1 Today at 1:21 PM

Rumor has it he is the nicest ophtho PD there is



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Ugh I bet. He reminds me of the grandpa from Up.



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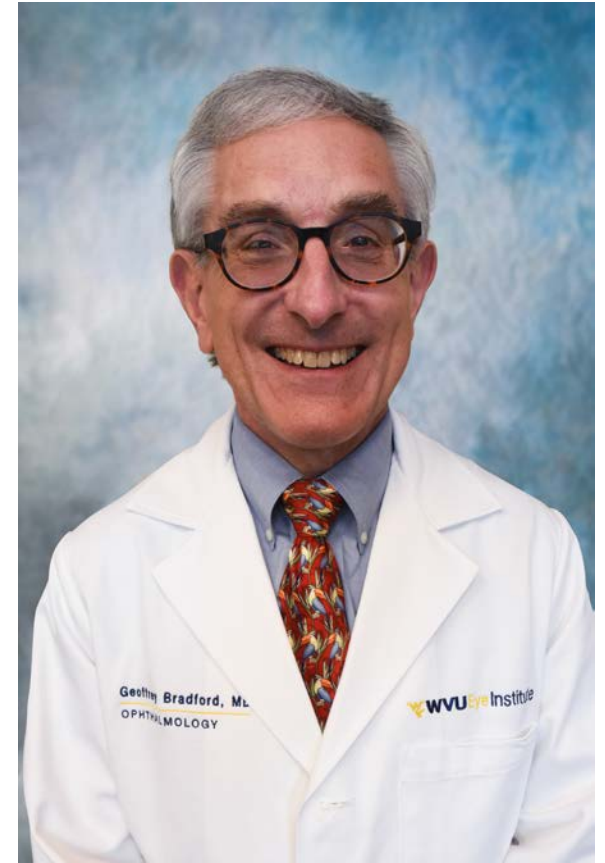
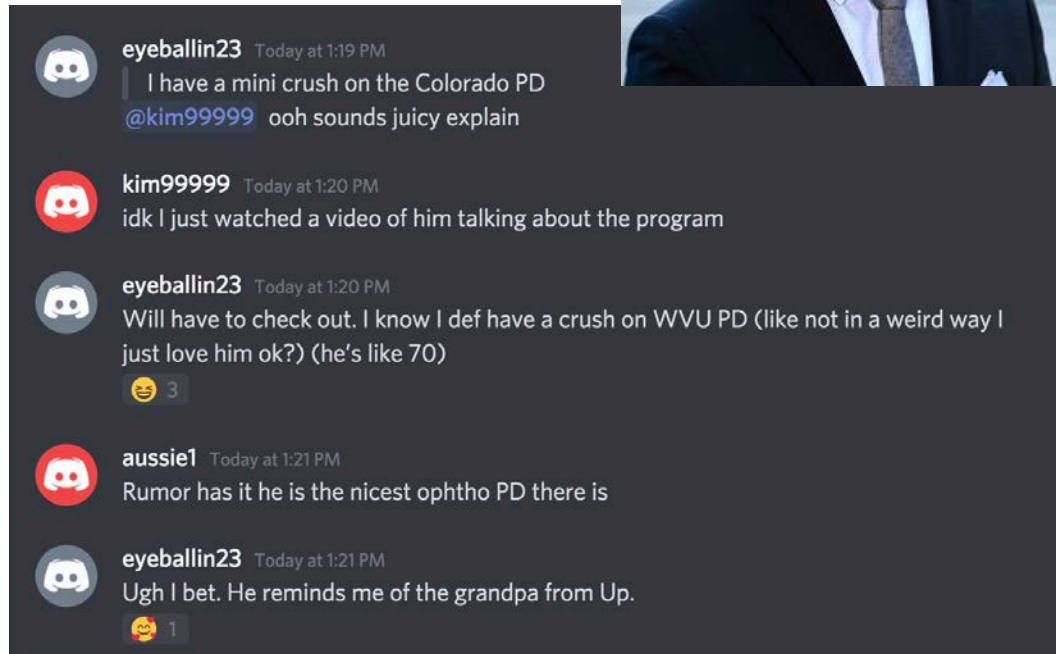


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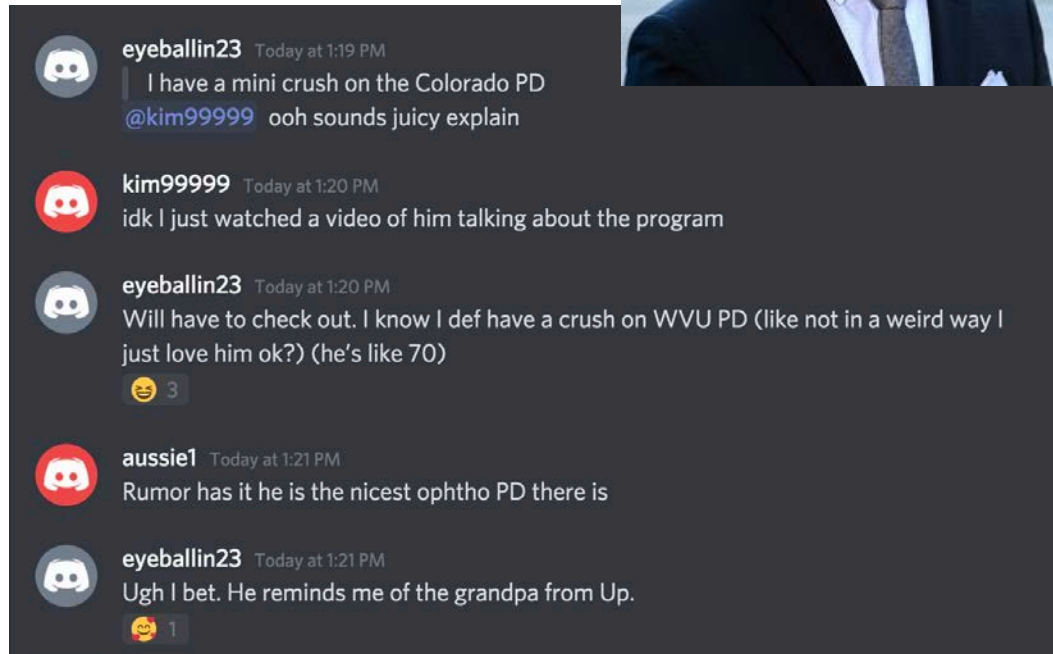
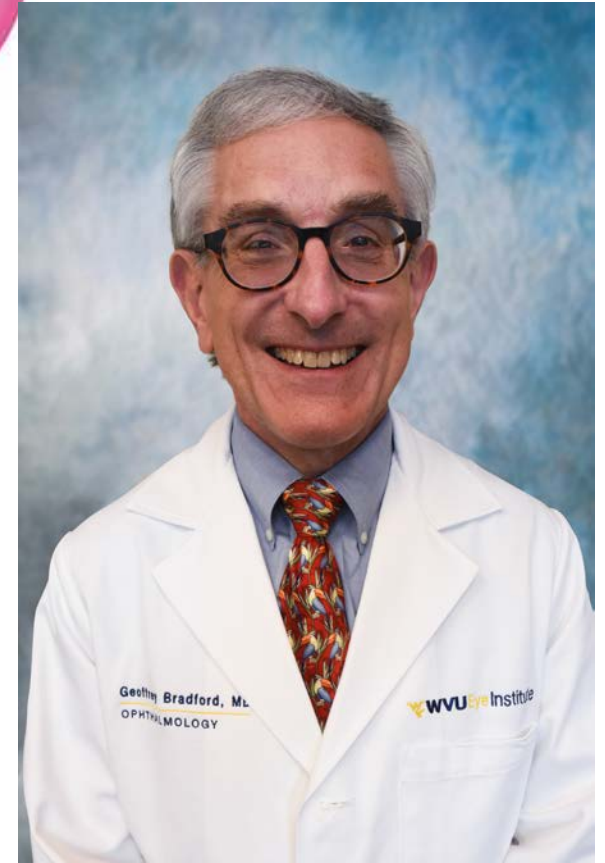


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2	Advice from the 2020-2021 Application Cycle:					
3	Start writing down meaningful experiences with patients/residents/faculty, both positive AND negative, now. It'll make your life easier when you have to think of examples to use for behavioral questions. Applies especially if you took a research year like myself and forgot everything from M3 year haha +4	Yes yes yes yes yes, could not agree with this more!!!! +1	Such good advice			
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		U Oklahoma	Resident who literally looks like a model, omg	
		MCG	hair and eyes are gorgeous	
	11/16		Most of the ladies there +3	
	11/17	west coast TY	girl who smiled whenever I spoke	
	11/19	Tulane	Cute Lebanese guy with first name that rhym with Tammy. I love you, will you marry me? <	
	11/19	Minnesota	Handsome guy with blonde curly hair, glasse wearing a blue shirt. You look so kind!	
	11/16	Houston	The man with the curly dirty blonde hair	
	11/19	Penn (social)	The second year resident who DJ's	
	11/19	Penn (social)	Brunette who lived in Hawaii for a few years	
	11/19	Penn (social)	girl from Michigan, goes to UMich, plays golf	
		U Colorado	PD+2 omg my crush	
		Utah	PD is cuteeee dad vibes fr fr +1	
			Restored: Ohhh Gawd... Handsome gu from San Antonio looks like he could be daddy!	
	11/20	UMass		
	11/20 and 21	Syracuse	Private Practice Plastic Doc	
	11/21	OHSU	Blonde guy with glasses and bow tie	
	11/23	Henry Ford	Think she's from Indiana	
	11/23	Henry Ford	"guy from philadelphia <spotted again e	
	11/18	LSU	"Girl from Tyler"	
	12/1	USC (social)	"Girl from Michigan in jean jacket"	
	12/3	MUSC		
	12/3		amazing lighting	
	12/4	NYEE	brunette girl with Aussie Shepherd puppy	
	12/4	UVA	Girl in all black w white background	
	12/4	IU	Brunette girl from MUSC	
			Guv with the cow picture in his background :	



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Program Assessment Pearls



Lean Into Bias

Sampling Bias
Confirmation Bias
Etc.



Limited Information and Data



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SF Match Interviews: Central Scheduling

Misha Syed MD, MEHP

University of Texas Medical Branch

Professor and Residency Program Director, Ophthalmology



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Thursday, July 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Applicant registration opens.•Please note that although registration is open until the rank list deadline, applicants are encouraged to register as early as possible to allow time to apply and for interviews.
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 CAS Target Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Completed applications are released to programs.•Applicants may upload supplemental documents and additional applications as available. This is NOT a deadline. Programs can accept applications after this date. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact training programs for individual deadline dates.
Monday, October 18, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•First date that interviews can be extended.
Monday, November 1, 2021 - Friday, January 7, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Interview Period. All interviews are VIRTUAL.

Important NEW Information on Virtual Interviews

- There is a cap of **18** interviews per applicant this year. Depending on the program, an interview may be a half-day or it may be longer.
- The central scheduling system in SF Match will not allow for any time overlap between different program interviews, but you may be able to schedule two interviews in one day if the timeframes do not conflict.



SYSTEM NOTIFICATION

Interview invitation notification is sent to applicant's e-mail address and SF Match message center



SF Match - Interview invitation from program ID 5460 Northwestern University - Kidney/Liver/Pancreas/Hepatobiliary

Dear Jonathan Carter (ID: 63898),

You have an interview invitation from the program listed below:

Program ID: **5460**

Program Name: **Northwestern University - Kidney/Liver/Pancreas/Hepatobiliary**

Specialty: **Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship**

Sincerely,

SF Match Team

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TASK LIST

Select the Programs where you have interviewed



Submit Rank List ?

⚠ Deadline: 06/30/2021 - 12:00 pm



COMPLETED TASKS

Complete Personal Info Section		✓
Submit Additional Information		✓
Create Personal Statement		✓
Upload Global Documents	1	✓
Request Letters of Recommendation	4	✓
Assign LORs/Personal Statement to Applied Programs	52	✓

MATCH SUMMARY

SF Match ID	63898
Applicant	Jonathan Carter
Applied Programs	13
Rank List Status	-
Match Results	07/02/2021
Application	Print PDF

WHAT MAKES YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?

Complete Your Personal Information

Try to complete your Personal Information sections before applying to programs. Your personal information is displayed to the program after you apply.

Submit Additional Information

You can save your Additional Information form but you must submit your additional information form before your application is considered complete.

Upload All Required Documents











Make sure to upload all of your required documents. Please note that some documents may need to be uploaded by your Medical School. Please refer to your Global Documents page.

Assign Personal Statements and LORs



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Mountain Standard Time (GMT-07:00, DST)

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Today

Day

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Program Invitation shows
interview dates



INVITATIONS

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Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship

Invitations

Accepted

Interview limits for the match:

5

4

no limits

#5460 yesterday

Northwestern University -
Kidney/Liver/Pancreas/Hepatobiliary
Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship

1 Free slots

Jun 09, 2021 (1 free slots)

Jun 10, 2021 (0 free slots)

Decline the offer

#5471 04/15/2021

University of Alabama at Birmingham -
Kidney/Liver/Hepatobiliary
Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship

✓ May 04, 2021











3rd Party Video Conference

06:00 am → 04:00 pm MST

Please use a valid license key. [More Info](#)

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9am	09:00 am → 10:00 am MST 10:00 am → 11:00 am CST
10am	
11am	

Accept interview date and time



Accept

INVITATIONS

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Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship

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#5460yesterday

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Decline the offer

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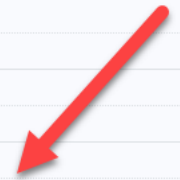
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10am	
11am	

Interview is confirmed



Mountain Standard Time (GMT-07:00, DST) ▾

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Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship

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In-Person

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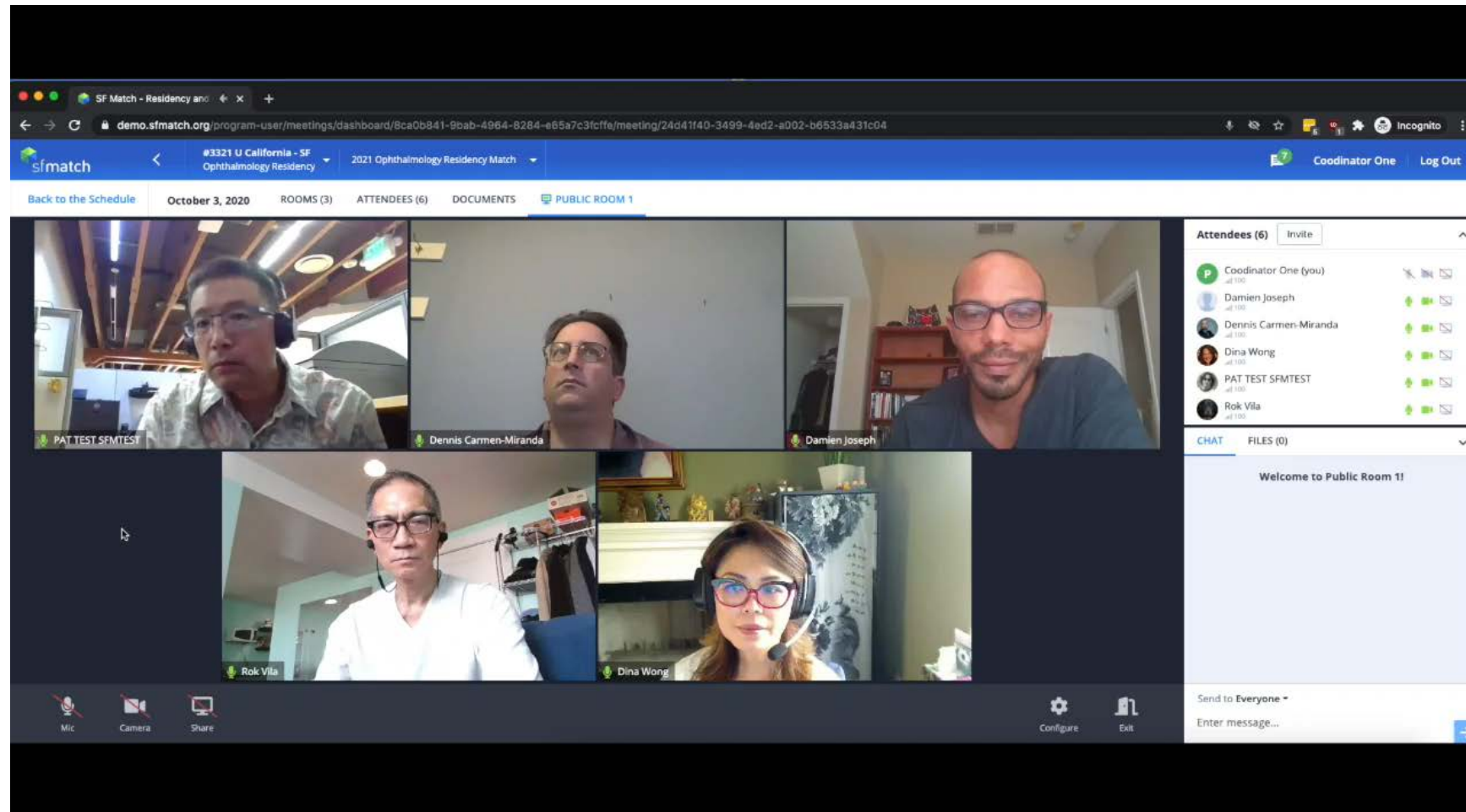
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03/17/2021

University of California San Francisco -

Video Conference Interview Platform in SF Match



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How can I maximize my virtual interview impression and experience?



- Just like in-person interviews, do your homework! Review program in detail ahead of time, have specific questions ready
- Dress as you would for any interview; make sure your environment looks professional through the screen (check ahead of time to ensure light is good, no distracting elements)
- Make sure you have your best foot forward throughout the interview process (may be spread over 1-2 days between resident mixers, interviews, etc.) – avoid showing zoom fatigue
- You may have the opportunity to participate in a pilot program to incorporate situational judgment testing and other non-cognitive assessments into your application profile; depending on the programs you apply to, this may be part of your application process (if they are part of the pilot)



Thank you!

Questions?

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SF Match Webinar: July 14, 2021

4pm PT / 6pm CT / 7pm ET

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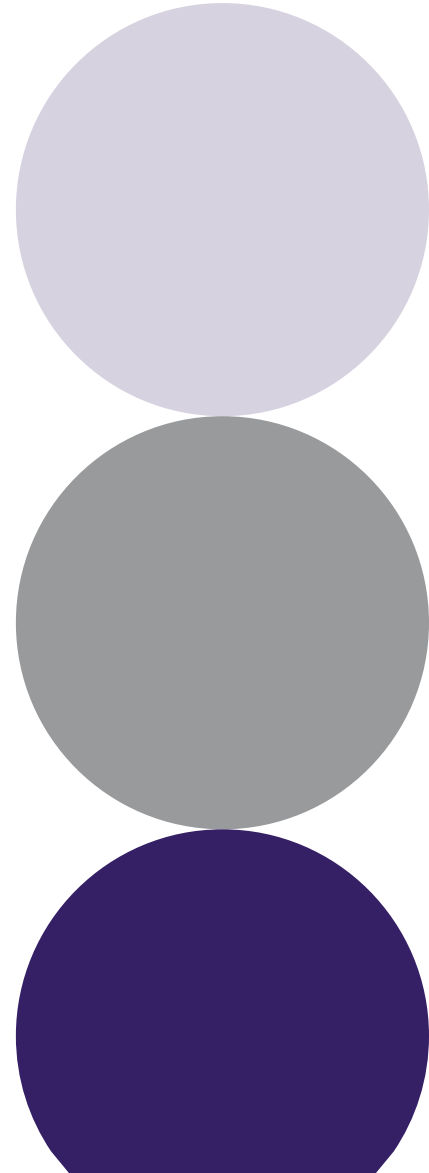
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Advice for the 2021 Match Cycle

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Chair, SF Match Oversight Committee
CEO, Dean McGee Eye Institute
Edward L. Gaylord Professor and Chair
Department of Ophthalmology, University of Oklahoma



PGY1

- Traditional internship is what we have been doing for years
 - Match PGY1 thru NRMP
 - Match ophtho thru SF Match
- All programs must convert to integrated or joint by July 1, 2023
- 3 months ophthalmology required in PGY1
- Citations not issued till after July 1, 2023
- Type of PGY1 is listed on SFM website for each program

New PGY1

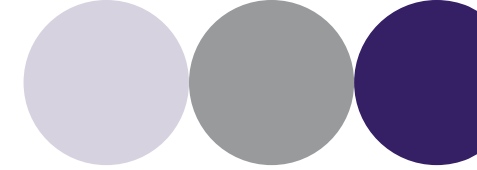
- Joint
 - Adminstrated by another department (IM, Surgery, etc)
 - Other department responsible for curriculum, evaluations, HR issues, scheduling, etc
 - NRMP + SF Match required
- Integrated
 - Administrated by ophthalmology
 - Ophthalmology directs curriculum
 - Ophthalmology responsible for evals, HR, schedules, etc
 - Payment models vary
 - As may control and responsibility
 - SF Match only needed



Integrated PG1 in reality...

- Ophthalmologists are not internists or general surgeons
- We need a close relationship with IM or Surgery or FM to do this
- It is a compromise to determine schedule and interaction with other departments

Scheduling issues to consider



- Need time for wards and units
- Useful rotations include
 - Rheumatology, endocrinology, neurology
 - (Neuro) radiology, ENT, neurosurgery, plastic surgery
 - ER, outpatient primary care
- How much procedural experience do you want?
- How to do the 3 months of ophthalmology
 - All ophtho residents together last 3 mos vs in separate or partial blocks
- Call responsibilities



Open Houses

- New program for SF Match this cycle
- Low-stress optional opportunity for applicants to visit programs at which they have interviewed
- Easily scheduled like interviews through SF Match platform
- When?
 - **After** programs submit their rank lists
 - **Before** applications submit their rank lists



Live Open Houses

- No limit on number of open houses that applicants may attend
- Up to 4 hours in length
- May include one meal/reception
- Tour of facilities, city highlights, campus
- Information sharing and socialization with residents and faculty
- NO interviews, discussion of rank lists, or coercive activity permitted
 - Coercive activity should be reported to AUPO



Live Open Houses Important Dates

- November—programs list dates, times, and slots for post-interview open houses. Only interviewees at the program may attend.
- December— applicants sign up for open houses
- January 12—program rank lists due; programs see names of applicants coming to open houses
- January 13-26—live program visits
- February 1—applicant rank lists due



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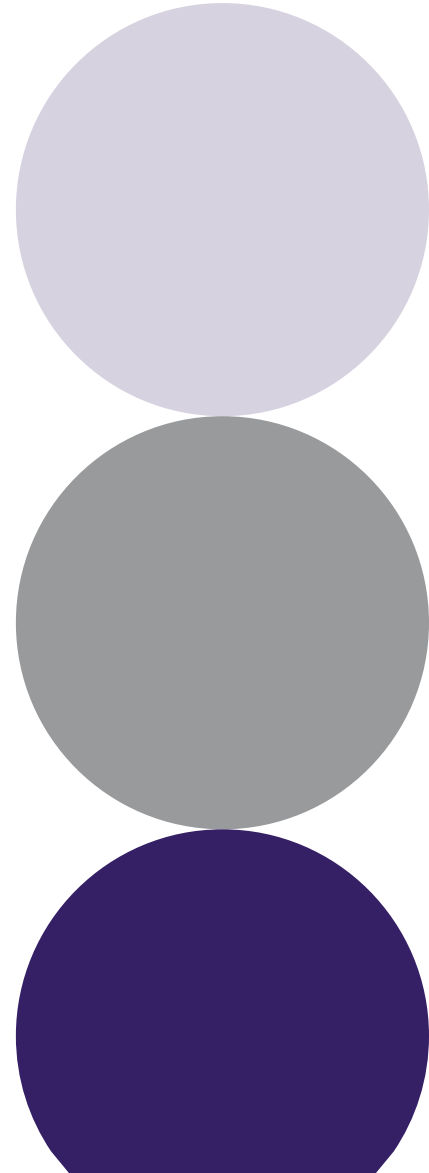


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Question & Answer

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