

Application Process

The Department of Surgery welcomes you to apply for a categorical or preliminary position through the AAMC's Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). No paper applications will be accepted. Only complete applications submitted through the ERAS system by November 1st will be reviewed for the following academic year. Please contact your dean's office for further information on the electronic application process.

The committee will review applications and determine which applicants will be interviewed. Interviews will occur on Mondays and Fridays beginning December, 2007 and continue through January 2008. If you are selected, you will be contacted via email. Arrangements will then be made for you to visit OHSU for interviews, talk with current residents and be introduced to Portland. It is not necessary to provide a return postcard or call to check the status of your application: the ERAS system will notify you as we download your information into our files. Please call for information only if necessary.

A completed application consists of six elements:

- an ERAS application
- a personal photograph
- a personal statement
- a dean's letter with a transcript
- two letters of recommendation
- Official USMLE scores, Part I (cutoff is 200 to be considered) or National Board scores, Part I

If you have had previous postgraduate training, send letters of recommendation from the program director(s) of your first postgraduate year and any subsequent residency training.

Graduates of foreign medical schools applying for residency must have a valid ECFMG certificate by June of the year for which they are applying. The department also requests results of your USMLE, National Board Examinations, or Flex scores. No American experience is required, but you must score at least 2000 on USMLE Part 1 to be considered for an interview.

If you need basic information about the ECFMG or the NRMP, you may call or write to the offices listed below. Their website addresses are also listed.

Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates
3624 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2685

(215)662-1445
www.ecfm.org

National Residency Matching Program
2450 N Street NW, Suite 201
Washington, DC 20037-1141
(202)826-0566
www.nrmp.org

For further information please contact the Residency Coordinator at surgres@ohsu.edu,
or call 503.494.7758.