RESIDENCYCAS

for Emergency Medicine residency applicants

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All Emergency Medicine and combined residency programs will be using ResidencyCAS for the 2025-2026 application cycle!

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Timeline for ResidencyCAS

Important dates for Emergency Medicine residency applicants

June 4, 2025 — **ResidencyCAS is open**

Create an account using an access link from your Dean's office, ECFMG, or CaRMS.
Edit your application and upload relevant documents.

Aug 25, 2025 — **1st day to request USMLE/COMLEX transcripts**

Sep 3-24, 2025 — **Submit your application**

Submit a complete application **by September 24** for the best chance of success.
After submission, some sections will be locked while others can still be edited
(such as contact information, supporting materials like SLOEs or score reports).
We recommend submitting by this date *even if supporting materials will be late (e.g. SLOES).*

Oct 1, 2025 — **Applications are released to programs**

There will not be a universal interview release day.
Interviews will be offered on a rolling basis.
Historically, interview offers are initially released around the third week of October.

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Pricing for RESIDENCYCAS

Programs *1-18*	**$99** flat rate*
Programs *19-30*	Additional **$18**/program
Programs *31+*	Additional **$23**/program

*Fee waivers are available if you received fee waivers for medical school applications through AMCAS/MCAT or AACOM

As an example...

The average number for EM applications is *46*

#1-18	#19-30	#31-46	
$99 +	12 x $18 +	16 x $23 =	**$683**

Remember to consider the additional cost of transmitting your USMLE and COMLEX transcripts (one-time $80 fee for each)
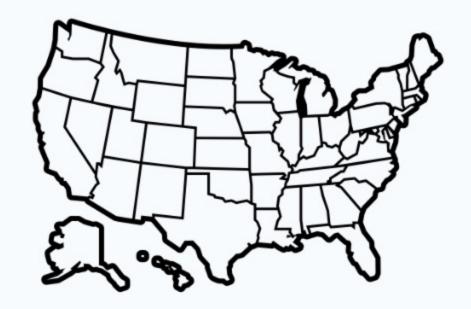
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Geographic Connections

Select <u>up to 3</u> city/state combinations where you hold a personal tie. You may include a very brief explanation for each selection.

This section is *optional*.
It allows you to share locations you have strong connections to.
These do not need to be locations where you have lived.

For example:
- the hometown of yourself or significant other
- a permanent address different from your current address
- a new location you strongly desire to move to

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Geographic Connections

Geographic Connections are <u>not equivalent</u> to **Signals** or **Geographic Preferences**.

Geographic Preferences (GPs) were used in prior application cycles and are now discontinued.
- GPs were misunderstood by applicants and programs
- GPs led to unintentional disadvantages for applicants
- GPs were limited by the census map used

Geographic Connections represent your ties to different areas. They <u>do not</u> represent a "preference."
Signals <u>do</u> indicate a preference for a program.

Signals

Each applicant gets 5 signals.

Only 1 can be sent to each program.

Each signal is weighted equally.

Do not signal home or away programs.

The goal of submitting a signal is to <u>increase the chance</u> of an interview offer.

- The median rate for interview offers *more than doubles* with a signal.
- The median predicted probability of an interview for an **in-state** applicant <u>without</u> a signal is *about equal* to an **out-of state** applicant <u>with</u> a signal.

https://www.aamc.org/data-reports/data/eras-statistics-data

Residency programs treat signals differently...

Programs receiving a <u>high percentage</u> of signals more often use signals as **"tiebreakers"** between two equally strong applicants or to **prioritize wait lists**.

Programs receiving a <u>low percentage</u> of signals more often respond to signals by **offering interviews**.

Program Signaling in Emergency Medicine: The 2022-2023 Program Director Experience. *West J Emerg Med*. 2024 Sep. PMID: 39319802.

Which programs get more signals?

The "top 10%" of signaled programs received 23% of signals

4-year programs	>	3-year programs
University-based	>	Community-based
Urban	>	Rural
West/East coast states	>	Non-coastal states
Older programs	>	Younger programs

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So how should I use signals?

1 — **Signal only where you are truly interested**
Trim a "Top 10" list to a "Top 5" using tools such as
AAMC Residency Explorer, EMRA Match, and Texas STAR.

2 — **Do not signal home or away programs**
You already have a high chance of an interview offer
if you rotated at that program!

3 — **Work with your medical school EM advisor ***
Your signaling strategy will be unique to your application.
Your advisor can inform how to best allocate your signals.

*If you don't have access to an EM advisor, e-mail *distanceadvising@cordjobboard.com* to be connected.

4 — **Be honest regarding the competitiveness
of your application against the program**
Do not signal unrealistic matches.

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Standardized Letters of Evaluation (SLOEs)

How do I submit SLOEs on ResidencyCAS?

Types of Letters

Applicants can initiate letter requests for either **SLOEs** or **Non-SLOEs**

SLOEs are letters that evaluate your *clinical* abilities.

Non-SLOEs are narrative letters best suited for *research*, *leadership*, or *work* experiences.

Applicants initiate Letter Requests for *both* letter types through ResidencyCAS (Program Materials / Evaluations)

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Types of SLOEs

SLOEs are the most crucial part
of your Emergency Medicine application.

eSLOE	Obtained after rotating at an EM residency program (either home or away)
Non-residency based SLOE	Evaluation by EM faculty not at an EM program (weighed less than eSLOEs)
(O)SLOE	Evaluation on an off-service rotation outside of EM
Sub-specialty SLOE	Rotation teaching EM sub-specialty content (e.g. ultrasound, pediatrics, toxicology)

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How many letters do I need?

Programs will not consider an application complete unless one letter is submitted.

We encourage you to submit **at least 3** letters:

2 eSLOEs

+

1-2 letters of any type

Sub-specialty SLOE, Non-residency SLOE, O-SLOE, and/or Non-SLOE (Narrative LoR)

You can assign *a max of 4 letters* to *each* program.

However, you can upload as many letters as you want.
You can choose *any combination* of the letters for each program.

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How do I initiate a Letter Request?

1. Navigate to the **Program Materials / Evaluations** section
2. Indicate whether the letter will be a **SLOE** or **Non-SLOE**
3. Select the evaluation due date (**9/24/2025**)
4. **Assign the evaluation to programs**. However, you _do not need_ to assign it immediately. You should assign letters _before October 1_ when programs start reviewing applications.
5. After clicking **Request**, an email will immediately be sent to the letter writer with instructions and a **link to the appropriate letter portal**.
   - _SLOEs_ are submitted via CORD's eSLOE portal
   - _Non-SLOEs_ are submitted via ResidencyCAS's letter portal

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What if a SLOE is late?

Submit your application by September 24, 2025 **even if a SLOE will be late**.

Letters can be uploaded and assigned in ResidencyCAS *anytime after application submission*.

Do not worry if a SLOE is late *1-2 weeks*. In this case, you do not need to contact programs that a SLOE has been uploaded.

However, by the *third week of October*, the applicant review process is well under way. In this case, you should contact programs to inform them a SLOE has been uploaded.