

Urology Match

If you choose Urology as your specialty, you will need to register with the American Urological Association (AUA) Match, which has a fee of \$75. Although the actual matching will happen with the AUA, most programs also still require that you complete your application through ERAS, as well as register with the NRMP as a formality (\$80 for NRMP registration).

You will need to research each program you would like to apply to in order to know what requirements they have. All urology programs participate in ERAS, though some may differ in their requirements for a complete application. Requirements for each program will be listed in ERAS. You will submit your rank order list to the AUA by early January.

The Match for Urology generally happens in mid-January. More information can be found at <http://www.auanet.org/education/auauniversity/residents/residency/urology-and-specialty-matches>.

Timeline & Advice from previous Urology candidates:

- Early (Jan/Feb of third year) meet with Dr. Tewari and Dr. Phillips (separately) about your interest in Urology and intent on applying into Urology. Other helpful people to meet with are Dr. Stock (the program director).
- Research Urology programs early (Feb of third year) for potential away electives and talk to current Urology residents and fourth year students who have matched about where they recommend doing away electives/sub-Is. Meet with Drs. Tewari and Phillips about where you are doing your sub-Is. *Make sure you have had at least one meeting with them prior to applying to sub-Is so that they know you are applying into Urology.* You may need a short letter of recommendation for your application for sub-internship. Make sure you research whether the programs you are interested in require a LOR for consideration of your sub-I application.
- Contact Bonnie Fultz about when you want to do their Sinai Sub-i. It should be your FIRST Sub-I.
- Prepare your application materials for sub-Is in February—you will need to acquire a lot (including supplemental insurance in some cases) and most programs open for applications in late March/early April. There are a select few programs (eg: UCSF) that open their applications as early as February.
- Apply to your sub-Is in mid-March-April, one at Sinai and two aways. DO THIS as early as possible since spots fill up quickly. You do not need to submit a VSLO/VSAS application for your Icahn sub-I; simply sign up using the elective registration website and confirm with the urology department's education coordinator. There's a lot of paperwork so be on top this (i.e. health forms, transcripts, LORs). Make sure everything is ready to go by the day applications open. For programs not participating in VSLO/VSAS you may need to physically mail in your application. Use priority shipping to ensure that your application arrives as early as possible since many programs are on a first-come first-served basis for sub-is.
 - o VSLO/VSAS is great, but NOT all programs participate in it so you need separate applications for those programs that do not participate.
 - o A couple of students and one resident used VSAS and not heard back only to realize that by some glitch, no one got their application. If you do not get a response you should check in this regard.
 - o Some sub-Is require LORs so make sure you have someone in mind for this (preferably within urology, Dr. Phillips usually writes those letters).
 - o If you are applying to certain programs (for example Harvard system programs), your applications may need to go out super early (6 months before your intended rotation month).
 - o Most students start sub-I's in June or July. However, many students will rotate on sub-is as late as September and October. Try to be flexible with your dates and take what you can get for your most desired programs. If your Step 1 score is not great, than taking step 2 before starting sub-I's can be one strategy. Speak with Dr. Phillips about this.
- Work on CV, student portfolio (ISMMS), personal statement, ERAS as early as possible (April-September). Make sure you update your ERAS application with any changes (eg: new publications/abstracts) throughout the application process.

- Ask for LORs early on. Programs you apply to generally take 4. It is recommended to have an LOR from each of your sub-I's (usually the chair of the department), plus another from perhaps your research mentor. You will also need an Icahn departmental letter from Dr. Tewari or Dr. Stock. Letters from non-urology faculty are not highly regarded. Follow up with your LOR writers to be sure they are submitted in a timely manner. The latest sub-I for LOR will be August. September sub-I's are too late. Generally there are two Sinai letters and two away letters, sometimes from the same place.
- Turn in ERAS application as soon as possible after it opens on September 15 (even though the MSPE doesn't come out until later). All of your letters do not need to be uploaded by the time you submit your ERAS application, but make sure to send an email/call programs to let them know you've uploaded additional letters if that happens after you've already submitted your application.
- Check ERAS frequently to check if all your LORs, MSPE, transcript are uploaded.
- If you are waiting for one of your letter writers to write your letter, and you already have interviews, you can always ask the letter writer for it in a sealed envelope and bring it to your interviews and provide it to them as an "update."
- Be very diligent about your applications, both for sub-I's and residency programs, and turn everything in as early as possible!