

# **UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCY**

The Universal Application for Residency was developed by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in collaboration with hundreds of residency program directors. It is designed to provide information generally required for consideration by program directors and to facilitate the residency application process. All programs are urged to accept this application in lieu of requiring the submission of a unique form and many programs have adopted this form as the application for their program. Applicants are encouraged to submit copies to all programs in which they would like to be considered.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCY - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

### USING THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION TO APPLY TO MULTIPLE PROGRAMS

Usage of the Universal Application is not dependent upon whether a program participates in the NRMP. A blank copy of the Universal Application may be completed in its entirety for each program; or, an applicant may elect to:

- Remove this instruction page at the perforation.
- Complete Page 1, with the exception of Item 3 (Program Description), Item 4 (Name of Hospital), and Item 5 (City/State) and enter the missing information specific to each program on copies; and,
- Complete Page 2 and copy; and,
- Complete Pages 3 and 4, with the exception of Signatures in Items 28 and 30 (these signatures must be original on all copies); and,
- Staple the copied pages together in the upper left corner for distribution to individual programs, ensuring that copies are clear, legible and sequential.

It is recommended that you keep on file copies in the event you want to submit additional applications at a later date.

### COMPLETING THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCY

#### Please type or print legibly in black ink.

**Electives Completed/Planned** (Page 1, Item 9): List all electives completed and all senior electives planned. *Planned* electives should be designated by a "P" following the course title (i.e., Cardiology (P)).

**Honors/Awards** (Page 1, Item 10): List all honors/awards, including membership in honor societies such as AOA. Specify the basis for any special recognition (i.e., academic performance, special accomplishments, leadership, research, community service, etc.)

**Personal Statement** (Item 13, Page 2): The Personal Statement provides you with the opportunity to communicate your professional interests and achievements with regard to research experience and training, special projects, and professional accomplishments. Bibliographic references should be provided for all published papers. Program Directors are also interested in your future plans as defined by your specialty goal and the number of years you intend to devote to graduate medical education.

You may also wish to describe your personal interests, activities, and circumstances. As transcripts of your academic accomplishments are most likely to be required, any interruption in your medical education should be explained in the Personal Statement.

**Permanent Address and Telephone Number** (Items 24, Page 3): Enter the name, address, and telephone number of an individual through whom you can always be contacted (i.e., parent, relative, close friend, etc.).

**Interview Scheduling** (Item 27, Page 3): Indicate the specific date(s) or general time period that you are available for interviews.

**Photograph**: Most program directors request a photograph in order to associate a face with the "paper work". If you do not submit one at this time, you should be prepared to provide one when you are interviewed.

**References** (Item 29, Page 4): Virtually all hospital programs require the Dean's Letter for U.S. seniors as a standard reference. Non-U.S. seniors should attempt to provide evaluations from faculty members at their medical degree-granting institution. Most programs require a minimum of three additional evaluations. References should be from faculty members or physicians who are familiar with your credentials and are in a position to comment on your suitability for the position you seek.

### COMPLETING THE PROGRAM DESIGNATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARDS

**Program Designation Card: Side 1** - Enter the indicated information and designate the institution (hospital) and program description to which you are applying. Information on this card should correspond exactly to information listed in Items 3, 4, and 5 of this application. Be sure to designate the year in which you expect to begin your residency.

**Acknowledgement Card**: Enter your name and current mailing address. This card will be returned to you by the program to acknowledge receipt of your application materials. Sufficient postage should be affixed for mailing.

Do not separate these two cards. You should complete a Program Designation Card and an Acknowledgement Card for each application that you submit. Additional cards can be purchased from the NRMP or you may use self-addressed, stamped postcards.

### SUBMITTING THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCY

You should submit all four pages of the Universal Application for Residency, with original signatures, to each program to which you wish to apply. Attach the Program Designation/Acknowledgement Cards to the upper left corner of Page 1 of the Universal Application and fold. Do not separate cards. It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange to submit required supplementary materials (transcripts, letters of evaluation, etc.) by the designated program's stated deadline.

**DO NOT RETURN THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION TO THE NRMP**

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PAGE ONE

NAME:

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

**POSITION BEGINNING IN \_\_\_\_\_** (Year)

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE) | 2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|

3. I AM APPLYING TO THE FOLLOWING GRADUATE PROGRAM: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

|                       |         |       |     |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|-----|
| 4. (NAME OF HOSPITAL) | 5. CITY | STATE | ZIP |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|-----|

**MEDICAL EDUCATION**

6. MEDICAL SCHOOL(S) (NAME)

(CITY) (STATE/COUNTRY)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 7. MONTH/YEAR OF MATRICULATION AT MEDICAL SCHOOL | 8. MONTH/YEAR OF (ANTICIPATED) GRADUATION |
|--|---|

9. ELECTIVES COMPLETED/PLANNED (PLACE A "P" AFTER PLANNED SENIOR ELECTIVES)

10. HONORS/AWARDS

**GRADUATE EDUCATION**

| 11. GRADUATE SCHOOL(S) | DATES ATTENDED |            | GRADUATE DEGREE (IF ANY) | AREA OF STUDY |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                        | FROM (MO/YR)   | TO (MO/YR) |                          |               |

A. NAME

CITY STATE

B. NAME

CITY STATE

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**

| 12. UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE(S) | DATES ATTENDED |            | DEGREE (IF ANY) | MAJOR |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
|                              | FROM (MO/YR)   | TO (MO/YR) |                 |       |

A. NAME

CITY STATE

B. NAME

CITY STATE

C. NAME

CITY STATE

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13. PERSONAL STATEMENT (SEE INSTRUCTIONS, USE ADDITIONAL SHEET, IF NECESSARY).

[Empty area for personal statement]

14. SERVICE OBLIGATIONS (NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS, ARMED FORCES SCHOLARSHIP, STATE PROGRAMS, ETC.)

I AM NOT REQUIRED TO FULFILL ANY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS

I AM COMMITTED TO FULFILL A SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINNING \_\_\_\_\_ (MO./YR.)

NUMBER OF YEARS COMMITTED

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|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 15. NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)  |  | ATTACH RECENT<br>PHOTOGRAPH<br>OPTIONAL<br>(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) |
| 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  | 17. ECFMG Registration (if applicable)   |   |
| 18. SHALL PARTICIPATE IN NRMP MATCH<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | 19. NRMP CODE (enter "pending" if unknown)   |   |
| 20. PRESENT ADDRESS (STREET)  |  |   |
| (CITY)  | (STATE) (ZIP)  |   |
| PRESENT PHONE NOS.<br>DAY ( ) EVENING ( )   |  |   |
| 21. NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS  | 22. VISA STATUS (IF APPLICABLE)<br><input type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT<br><input type="checkbox"/> TEMPORARY - SPECIFY: <input type="checkbox"/> J-1 <input type="checkbox"/> H-1 |   |
| 23. CITIZENSHIP<br><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                 |  |   |
| 24. PERMANENT ADDRESS: C/O (NAME OF PERSON THROUGH WHOM I CAN ALWAYS BE CONTACTED) (STREET)     |  |   |
| (CITY)  | (STATE) (ZIP)  | PERMANENT PHONE NO.<br>( )                                    |

**I plan to take the examinations checked below before I begin the Graduate Medical Education program for which I am now applying:**

25.  USMLE, STEP I  USMLE, STEP II  USMLE, STEP III

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**I have already passed the examinations checked below on the dates indicated:**

26.  NBME, PART I: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)  NBME, PART II: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)  NBME, PART III: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

USMLE, STEP I: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)  USMLE, STEP II: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)  USMLE, STEP III: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

FLEX: \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE(s) of licensure)

LIST ANY ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS PASSED (FMGEMS, DAY 1; FMGEMS, DAY 2; VQE, DAY 1; VQE, DAY 2; ECFMG MEDICAL SCIENCE EXAM):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**INTERVIEW SCHEDULING**

27.  THE FOLLOWING GENERAL TIME PERIOD IS MOST CONVENIENT FOR ME: FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM ABLE TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC DATE(S):  
\_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

I AM NOT ABLE TO COME FOR AN INTERVIEW

I have read and I understand the instructions for the completion of this application. I certify that the information submitted on these application materials is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or missing information may disqualify me for this position.

28. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: THE SIGNATURE AND DATE ON EACH APPLICATION MUST BE ORIGINAL.

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LETTERS OF REFERENCE, IN ADDITION TO THE DEAN'S LETTER, HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| 29. A. NAME AND TITLE |
| INSTITUTION           |
| ADDRESS               |
|                       |
| B. NAME AND TITLE     |
| INSTITUTION           |
| ADDRESS               |
|                       |
| C. NAME AND TITLE     |
| INSTITUTION           |
| ADDRESS               |
|                       |
| D. NAME AND TITLE     |
| INSTITUTION           |
| ADDRESS               |
|                       |

30. (CHECK ONE)  I HEREBY WAIVE ACCESS TO THE ABOVE LETTERS AND WILL SO INFORM THE AUTHORS.  
 I DESIRE ACCESS TO THE ABOVE LETTERS AND WILL SO INFORM THE AUTHORS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF APPLICANT - TYPE OR PRINT

NOTE: THE SIGNATURE AND DATE ON THIS STATEMENT MUST BE ORIGINAL.