

AAMC Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS®) 2025 Fellowship Cycle Program Signaling Participation Agreement

Program signals are fully integrated into the MyERAS® application for use by applicants in signaling their interest to participating programs. Due to the complexity of program signaling, it is vital that each interested specialty explicitly agrees to participate in program signals. The AAMC seeks to ensure that specialties who choose to participate in program signaling for the 2025 ERAS season:

- Are properly trained and equipped to utilize program signals as a part of a holistic review of applicants when deciding who to invite to interview.
- Understand and have reviewed the research outcomes to date.
- Make an informed decision about the number of signals for their individual specialty together with AAMC assessment experts.
- Have ample time for early communication to applicants/advisors regarding specialty participation.
- Agree to encourage their programs to follow policies designed to ensure a fair and standardized program signaling process for applicants.

Program signals will be available only to specialties that complete this participation agreement, will be limited to the number of desired program signals per specialty, and will additionally be limited to the programs that opt in to participate in program signaling via ERAS Program Management (EPM).

Description of Program Signals:

Program signals offer *applicants* the opportunity to express genuine interest in a limited number of residency programs that they have applied to at the time of application. Program signals offer the opportunity for *programs* to use program signals as an additional data point among many available to them to make decisions about whom to invite to interview.

Details of Program Signals

The AAMC will work with each specialty organization to achieve their goals for participation and to ensure a fair, equitable process for applicants and programs.

Important Dates:

- **August 30, 2024:** Specialties need to explicitly agree to participate in giving their programs the opportunity to receive program signals by signing this participation agreement. This participation agreement is intended and designed to be signed by one specialty-approved association executive committee member (president, CEO, appointed chairman, etc.).
- **August 30, 2024:** The specialty organization must provide and communicate the number of program signals they wish to utilize to the AAMC.
- **October 31, 2024:** Individual programs who wish to participate in program signaling within the specialty will need to “opt in” when registering for the 2025 ERAS season in EPM. Programs have until October 31, 2024 to register for participation. **Programs may not drop out or join after the October 31 2024, deadline.**

Key Considerations:

The AAMC requests that specialties encourage participating programs to engage in the following:

- Attend, review, and read guidance and training about best practice usage of program signals via the AAMC and/or specialty forums.
- Provide interview and other outcome data to the AAMC for the sole purpose of evaluating program signals. This information could include filing review ratings, interview statuses, interview ratings (if applicable) into the PDWS or Thalamus, and/or providing data directly via Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP).



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Today's Date: _____

Specialty Information

Specialty Name: _____

Number of Signals: _____

Specialty Leadership Representative Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____