

Keck School of Medicine of USC

KSOM Co2025 CAREER ADVISING NEWSLETTER  
JULY 19, 2024

UPDATES

1:1 Residency Application  
Review Meetings with Dr. Zia



Schedule an **optional** 20-minute meeting with Dr. Zia when your materials are nearly finalized

- Co2025 Residency Applicant Bookings [link](#)
- Upload materials for review [here](#)
  - Upload materials to this link at least 1 day before the meeting
  - Please note, **this is not the same link to upload your CV/PS**

Geographic Preference  
and Program Signal  
Presentation

Join us to review Strategies when approaching Program Signals and Geographic Preferences – perspectives from Student Affairs officials around the Western region

- **Required (zoom/virtual)**
- August 22nd at 5pm
- Zoom details to be announced

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

ERAS  
Workshop

- Recording [Link](#)
- ERAS Workshop [PDE](#)

REMINDERS

#GetYourMatch2025  
Pulse Check



Internal Keck School of Medicine  
Deadlines:

SF Match: August 20th, 2024

PSCA: September 6th, 2024

ERAS/ResidencyCAS: September 15th, 2024

Where Should I Be in the Application Process?

Task	Action	Status
Specialty	If not finalized, meet with Career Advising Team ASAP	Completed
Letter writers	Should have submitted LOR Packet to confirmed writers. Should have packet prepared for future rotation writers.	In Progress
NWCs (Req)	If not submitted, reach out to Mandy Garcia about how to submit	Completed
CV	Too late to submit, focus on 10 experiences	Completed
Personal Statement	1 <sup>st</sup> draft should have been submitted for review	In Progress
Experiences/Most Meaningful	Should be copy/pasted from CV, but we can review it	In Progress
1:1 Advising Meetings w/Dr. Zia (Req)	Get on it, ASAP. Potential referral for Professionalism	Completed
ERAS Photo	If taking your own, follow ERAS directions	Completed
Program List	Researching, Curating, Identifying Signals	In Progress
Check-In with Dept Specialty Advisor	On-going, discussing plan, program list. If you last touched base with them in May, its time to check in.	In Progress

Completed In Progress

### Tips for Drafting 10 Experiences

- We **strongly** recommend using bullet points
- There is no need to write a narrative paragraph
- If you used the bullet point framework from the [Keck CV Template](#), you can copy your bullet points into ERAS

### Personal Statement and 10 Experiences Submissions

**Update as of June 1st, 2024:**

Personal statements and App Experiences Section (10 ERAS experiences) submissions will take priority until the September 15th Keck suggested residency application submission deadline. CV's will be followed up on as time allows.

**Please allow 5-10 business days for a response with edits and suggestions.**

**Please use the following naming conventions for submissions to the Career Advising Team:**

**Personal Statement (PS)**

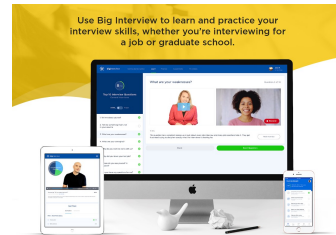
- "PS\_FirstName\_LastName\_GradYear"
- "PS\_Sam\_Lopez\_co2025"

**10 Experiences (10Exp)**

- "10Exp\_FirstName\_LastName\_GradYear"
- "10Exp\_Sam\_Lopez\_co2025"

[Submit Here](#)

### Big Interview Medical



**The first step in your Interview Prep:**

- Create your account: [BigInterviewMedical](#)
- Complete curated question sets below by entering the access codes on the assignments page
- You can share the recordings to get feedback from each other, mentors, specialty advisors or the career advising team:
  - Warm Up (access code: 2d8d90)
  - Research (access code: b6080d)
  - Challenges (access code: 6a1ce0)
  - Left Field (access code: 8a9382)
  - Curveballs (access code: 491abe)

ERAS  
Timeline

2025 ERAS® Residency Timeline

Review a timeline for applying for residency positions using the ERAS® system for the 2025 application season.

Date	Activity
May 31, 2024	2024 ERAS season ends at 5 p.m. ET.
June 5, 2024	2025 ERAS season begins at 9 a.m. ET.
Sept. 4, 2024	Residency applicants may begin submitting MyERAS® applications to programs at 9 a.m. ET.
Sept. 25, 2024	Residency programs may begin reviewing MyERAS applications and MSPEs in the PDWS at 9 a.m. ET.
May 31, 2025	2025 ERAS season ends at 5 p.m. ET.

VSLO and Away Rotations

**Message from Cindy Galvez, Clerkship Coordinator-  
Medical Education Department**



Greetings Students, as you commence your away rotations and the host institutions begin to ask for an evaluation form, please remember to contact me via email if you need an evaluation uploaded to VSLO.

For programs not on VSLO, kindly fill out the [Away Elective Request Form](#) and email it to me so I can send the evaluation to the host institution.

**Waitlisting/Adding Away Rotations (500E) to your schedule:**

Once you have confirmation of the host, please add the additional information. If you do not plan to attend, please drop yourself from the waitlist.

Please check your schedule to confirm there is no conflict with another elective. If there is a conflict, please be sure to either drop the elective or contact the coordinator to drop it and then waitlist yourself.

For any issues or concerns adding please get in touch with Cindy Galvez: [cynthia.galvez@med.usc.edu](mailto:cynthia.galvez@med.usc.edu)

UROLOGY RESIDENCY MATCH  
SCHEDULE UPDATES

**2025-Urology Residency Match Program [Schedule](#)**

2025	Milestone Description
June 24, 2024	Urology Registration opens for Programs & Applicants
September 2, 2024	Applicants Signaling Opens
September 16, 2024	Applicants Deadline to submit signals
September 25, 2024	Applicants signals sent to Programs
October 25, 2024	All programs offer interview
October 28, 2024	All applicants accept or reject interview offers
October 29, 2024	"Flush Day" Students may release previously accepted interview slots in favor of any invitations offered to them off a waitlist.
November 21, 2024	Urology Preference List Phase begins for Programs & Applicants
December 27, 2024	Registration Deadline
January 6, 2025	Urology Preference List Deadline (Program & Applicants) & Interview Deadline
February 3, 2025	Urology Match Results Announced emails sent & results posted

For more details, visit: [Urology and Specialty Matches - American Urological Association \(auanet.org\)](https://www.auanet.org)

MILITARY MATCH

**2024-2025 Military Match [Guide](#)**

**2024-25 JGMESB "Military Match" Timeline for Medical Students**

Timeframe	Activity
May - October 2024	Complete ADT (Active Duty Training) rotations at military hospitals
1 July 2024	Letter of Instruction (LOI) from each Service posted
1 July 2024	MODS system opens for applications
31 August 2024	Deadline for initiation of applications in MODS
15 October 2024	Deadline for modification of applications and upload of supporting documents in MODS
July-October 2024	Interview Period
18-22 November 2024	JGMESB "Military Match" occurs
11 December 2024	JGMESB "Military Match" results notification

Active Duty Training (ADT) are required rotations at military training hospitals that serve as audition rotations for GME. ADTs also cover Basic Officer Training, ADTs performed at school, etc. The typical HPSP student will perform two clinical rotations at a military training hospital.

For resources, visit: [Group on Student Affairs \(GSA\) | AAMC](#)

**OPHTHALMOLOGY SF MATCH**

**2024-2025 Ophthalmology Residency Match [Timeline](#)**



For more details and resources, visit: [Medical Student Resources | Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology \(aupo.org\)](#)

**OBGYN ResidencyCAS APPLICATION**

**Obstetrics and gynecology residency programs will be using ACOG's specialty-specific residency application, ResidencyCAS, in the 2024-25 residency application cycle.**

For the 2024-2025 application cycle, all OBGYN Residency Programs will be participating in ResidencyCAS. OBGYN applicants will use ResidencyCAS to:

- Apply to OBGYN residency programs
- Signal OBGYN programs
- Request documents supporting the application, such as MSPEs, transcripts, LORs/SLOEs, and USMLE / COMLEX scores
- Schedule and participate in virtual interviews with programs

Important Dates and Deadlines

Review the important application cycle dates below.

Key Milestones	Date
The ResidencyCAS application cycle opens	June 5, 2024
When you can begin requesting USMLE and COMLEX-USA scores	August 26, 2024
When you can submit your ResidencyCAS application	September 4, 2024
Application deadline	September 25, 2024 (you can submit up until 11:59 PM ET)
When programs can view your application	October 1, 2024
Interview offers released	October 29, 2024
Interviews begin	November 3, 2024
NMRP Match Day	March 21, 2025
SOAP opens	March 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM ET

For more information and resources, visit:

- [ResidencyCAS | ACOG](#)
- [About | ResidencyCAS](#)
- [Right Resident, Right Program, Ready Day One: Webinars - Association of Professors of Gynecology & Obstetrics - APGO](#)
- [Help Guide](#)

## PLASTIC SURGERY

### Important Dates

- July 1, 2024**
  - PSCA Opens to Applicants – Medical schools will be able to approve applicant tokens. The Plastic Surgery Central Application (PSCA) will open on July 1st 2024. The PSCA can be accessed at [centralapp.accessgme.com](http://centralapp.accessgme.com)
- September 16, 2024**
  - Applications Released – Programs can review submitted applications
- September 25, 2024**
  - MSPE Release – Programs can review submitted MSPEs

For more details, visit: [ACEPS - Applying to Plastic Surgery \(aceplasticsurgeons.org\)](http://ACEPS - Applying to Plastic Surgery (aceplasticsurgeons.org))

## APPLICATION EXTRAS

- Supplemental materials – be on the lookout
  - Some specialties/programs may reach out to you after receiving your application and ask you to submit additional short answer responses
- Altus/CASPER situational judgment tests
  - May be employed by some programs in certain specialties\*
    - Anesthesiology (8)
    - Internal Medicine (3)
    - Interventional Radiology (1)
    - OB/Gyn (9)
    - Surgery (2)
    - Urology (1)
  - \$85 fee; specific dates to sign up for and complete on 9/5, 9/19, or 10/3
  - <https://my.acuityinsights.app/dates-times>

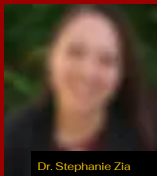
\*number of programs participating as of 06/04/2024

Application "Extras"

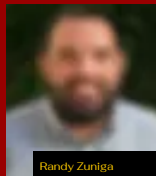


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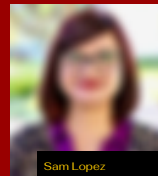
## MEET OUR TEAM



**Dr. Stephanie Zia**  
Assistant Dean for Career Advising, Office of Student Affairs

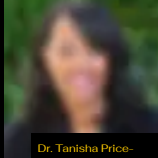


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