

FAQ's

How many positions do you have?

A: We have 8 Categorical and 8 Advanced. We currently do not have R positions.

When is your application deadline?

A: We do not have a deadline. Residency programs can begin reviewing ERAS applications at 9 a.m. ET on September 25th and we will begin reviewing applications immediately.

Why does it look like you have different PGY-1/Clinical Base Year numbers each year?

A: We always have 8 PGY-1 Anesthesiology Resident slots. **Advanced Matched residents** can match their PGY-1 year with the University of Maryland Department of Internal Medicine Preliminary Program. When this happens, we consider these interns just as we would our Categorical interns and they receive the same training. Those interested in applying separately to the Preliminary Internal Medicine Program (#1252140P0) please visit their website [Application Process - Internal Medicine Residency | University of Maryland Medical Center \(umms.org\)](https://www.umms.org/education/residency/internal-medicine). Please note: this requires a separate interview.

Do you provide preliminary spots for applicants who are applying for advanced positions?

A: No, we do not provide preliminary spots. Our advanced-track applicants are not automatically considered for a position in University of Maryland's Internal Medicine or General Surgery Preliminary Programs. Our program is completely separate. Therefore, if you interviewed with University of Maryland's Internal Medicine Prelim Program or General Surgery Prelim Program, you would rank them separately from us; and if you did not interview with them, you cannot rank them.

Why does it look like you have different PGY-1/Clinical Base Year numbers each year, and do you provide preliminary spots for applicants applying for advanced positions?

A: We always have 8 PGY-1 Anesthesiology Resident slots. Advanced matched residents may match their PGY-1 year with the University of Maryland Department of Internal Medicine Preliminary Program or Department of General Surgery Preliminary Program. We consider these interns just as we would our Categorical interns and they receive the same training. However, we do not provide preliminary spots for applicants applying for advanced positions. Our advanced-track applicants are not automatically considered for positions in the University of Maryland's Internal Medicine or General Surgery Preliminary Programs, which are separate from our program. If you are applying to either of these Preliminary Programs, you must apply and be invited to interview separately. If you did not interview with these preliminary programs, you cannot rank them.

I want to include the 100-word essay about why I want to attend UMD for residency within my personal statement. In this case, is there anything I need to do for the fourth letter of recommendation spot?

A: Only **three** letters of recommendation (LoRs) are required for your application. You can submit your 100-word explanation of why you want to complete your anesthesiology residency training at the University of Maryland a couple of ways. **In ERAS**, you can add it to the end of your Personal Statement or upload it as your fourth LoR. *Please note: Do not waive your right to read the document.* **In Central App**, please use the "Signal Statement" to tell us "Why University of Maryland."

Do you have any requirements for USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 scores?

A: Our program does require USMLE Step 1 scores. There is not a maximum number of attempts, and **no score cut off**. We do a holistic review of every application in its entirety.

I am a D.O. applicant. Am I required to provide USMLE scores?

A: No. In accordance with SAAAPM, D.O. applicants are not required to take the USMLE. We will accept the COMLEX Exams for D.O. applicants.

I will be visiting Baltimore in the next couple of weeks. Would it be possible to meet with a resident or faculty member and see the Medical Center?

A: Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate requests for an in-person meeting at this time. We are complying with the recommendations for virtual interviews, and we will not be doing in-person visits out of fairness to all applicants. But we hope you enjoy your time in Baltimore and get to explore!

Does your program offer any faculty-led mission trips or international rotations that count toward elective credits?

A: We do not offer any faculty-led mission trips at this time. We encourage residents to apply for international rotations to complete during their elective time in the CA3 year (for example, [SEA-HVO traveling fellowship](#), [ASA Resident International Anesthesia Scholarship Program](#)), and we support our residents who receive these awards to complete these rotation opportunities.

Prospective International Physicians

What is the total number of IMGs (International Medical Graduates) currently enrolled in your program?

A: At this time, we do not have any IMGs currently enrolled in our Anesthesiology Residency Program, however, we do accept IMGs. We do a holistic review of every application in its entirety. *For more information regarding prospective International Physicians [International Physicians - Prospective Residents and Fellows \(umms.org\)](https://umms.org).*

Do you have a cut-off for medical school graduation year?

A: We do not have any requirements that pertain to applicant's medical school graduation year.

Do you have any requirements for U.S. clinical experience?

A: We do not have any requirements that pertain to applicant's U.S. clinical experience. However, we expect that applicants have recent clinical experience.

At the time of application, do you require an ECFMG Certificate?

A: Yes, non-immigrant alien residents will be sponsored under the J-1 visas program and an ECFMG Certificate is required before matriculation. *For more information regarding prospective International Physicians [International Physicians - Prospective Residents and Fellows \(umms.org\)](https://umms.org).*