

AUPO Policy Reminders

- All applicants participating in the Ophthalmology Matching Program (OMP) must use the Universal Application form and the Central Application Service (CAS) to apply to all programs in the match.
- Programs wishing additional information (photographs, hand-written materials, etc.) prior to interviews or prior to signing contracts may request it from applicants in accordance with institutional guidelines.
- So called “Audition Electives” by medical students at institutions other than their own are discouraged.
- Residency programs participating in the Ophthalmology Matching Program are not to distribute additional application material prior to July 1 each year.
- Residency programs are not to initiate contact with applicants after the interview until the match has been completed. This policy has been promulgated in the ophthalmology matching program directory in order that candidates will know if this policy is violated by programs.
- Fellowships should not be required to begin prior to July 7 in order that residents may complete training on June 30.
- The AUPO discourages its members from charging applicant fees for applying to residency training programs.
- AUPO policy strongly discourages any representative of a residency program from entering into discussions with a resident from or matched to another program prior to consultation with that resident’s residency program director.
- The AUPO and its member departments recognize the costs and logistical difficulties borne by applicants in the fellowship interview process. Departments will endeavor to select interview dates which will mitigate these difficulties without negatively impacting the quality of the process.
- The membership of the AUPO is committed to the integrity of the Ophthalmology Matching Program and the Ophthalmology Fellowship Match process. Policies exist governing this process. In the event that violation of this policy is reported to the AUPO Board of Trustees, the Board will investigate.
- If a violation has clearly occurred, the Board at its sole discretion, and as the responsible Match authority, will have the option of notifying the membership of this violation, and/or notifying all Match participants of the violation, and/or de-listing the program from the Match.