SCC Program Directors Society Guide for Fellowship Applicants

Academic Year: 2025-2026

Specialty: Surgical Critical Care (SCC)

Application platform: SAFAS

Additional information about application platform:
Surgical critical care and Acute care surgery Fellowship Application Service (SAFAS)
Website: safas.smapply.io
March 1, 2024: SAFAS opens for Appointment Year 2025 applications.
Do not start new application prior to March 1.
Applicant Instructions and Resources are available on the SAFAS Website.

Application deadline: July 31 annually

Additional information about application deadline:
July 31, 2024: Application deadline for Appointment Year 2025 applications.
Upon submitting your Application, it becomes locked from Editing.
To Edit Locked Application, Contact SAFAS Administrator:
webmaster@sccpds.org

Match platform: National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)

Additional information about Match platform:
National Resident Matching Program (NRMP).
Website: nrmp.org
July 2024: Register for NRMP SCC Match.
August 14, 2024: SCC Rank Order List deadline for Appointment Year 2025.
August 28, 2024: SCC Match Day for Appointment Year 2025.

Letters of recommendation (LORs):

Total number of LORs recommended: Three (3)

Is it recommended that all LORs come from within this specialty:

☐ Yes
☑ No
Is it acceptable to submit any LORs after the initial application is submitted?

- Yes
- No

Is a standardized letter used?

- Yes
- No

If yes, is the standardized letter included in the total number of LORs recommended above?

- Yes
- No

Recommended date by which all LORs should be submitted: As Soon As Possible (ASAP)

Additional information about LORs:

Give your Recommenders advance notice.
SAFAS application requires entering names and E-mail addresses for 3 Recommenders.
  Each Recommender will receive an automated E-mail request.
Submit your Application - Do NOT wait for Recommenders to complete letters.
Each Recommender will be asked to complete 2 tasks: Separate and Standardized LOR.
If Recommender's firewall blocks Web-generated E-mails, Contact SAFAS Administrator.

**Away rotation expectations:**

Away rotations are not an expectation.
Individual Programs will decide if away rotations are available.
Supplemental information:
Are applicants required to complete supplemental application materials?

☐ Yes
☑ No

If yes, please specify:

Additional information about supplemental information:
Individual Programs may request supplemental information.

Signal information:
Please indicate the number of signals available: Zero (0)

Are applicants expected to signal their home institution?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Are applicants expected to signal institutions where they completed away rotations?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Additional information about signals:
SCC does not use Program signals.
**Use of USMLE/COMLEX scores:**

What is the recommended date that a USMLE Step 2CK/COMLEX Level 2 score should be available in order for the application to be reviewed?

Submit with application.

What is the recommended date that a USMLE Step 2CK/COMLEX Level 2 score should be available in order for an interviewed applicant to be ranked?

Individual Programs may decide how they use USMLE/COMLEX information.

Are USMLE scores required or strongly recommended by the specialty even when an applicant has a COMLEX score?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Additional information about USMLE/COMLEX scores:

Individual Programs may decide how they use USMLE/COMLEX information.

**Interview invitation process:**

Universal interview release dates recommended?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

If yes, please specify the dates:

If no, during what time period are interviews typically offered?

SCC does not use universal interview release dates. Most interviews are typically offered from April to June.
Additional information about interview invitations:

Individual Programs will decide on their interview invitation process.

**Recommended Interview format:**

- [x] Virtual
- [ ] In-person
- [ ] Hybrid

Additional information about interview format:

Although SCCPDS recommends a virtual interview format -
It is the discretion of individual Programs to use an in-person interview or hybrid format.

Additional information for applicants, if relevant (e.g. applicant communication, second look/open houses):

It is the discretion of individual Programs to offer Open House or Second Look visits.