Vascular Surgery Fellowship Applications

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Overview

- Pre-application (Junior residency)
- Application Season
  - Logistics
  - Where to apply
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Interviews
- Post-application (Chief year)
Pre-Interview (Junior Residency)

- Keep an open mind
- Why vascular?
Pre-Interview (Junior Residency)

- Balance demands of general & vascular surgery
  - Define yourself clinically

- Seek mentorship
  - Be proactive
  - Faculty, fellows, senior residents
**Pre-Interview (Junior Residency)**

- **Research**
  - Conferences
  - Broaden perspective

- **Anticipate fellowship application**
  - Reassess your CV ≥ 1 yr prior to applications
  - Conference schedules
  - Schedule vascular/electives early in 4th yr
  - Arrange lighter schedule during interview season
  - Research programs on-line
Interview Season – The Logistics

July-Sept: Update CV, on-line research
Oct/Nov: ERAS
Dec/Jan: Application due
Feb-March: Interviews
April: Rank List
May: MATCH DAY

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Interview Season — Where to Apply

- Consider personal and professional goals
  - Geographic constraints
  - Academic vs. private practice

- Talk to mentors
  - Gauge your level of competitiveness
  - Recommendations on programs
  - Address any rumors of anticipated changes

- Apply broadly (cast a wide net)
Interview Season — Letters of Recommendation

- Minimum of THREE
  - Division chief is a must
  - Non-vascular: research, program director, Chairman

- Schedule vascular/elective EARLY

- Meet with these faculty EARLY
  - Reiterate personal statement
  - Personalize
Interview Season – Interviews

“For the sake of information security, everything on my résumé is false.”

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Interview Season — Interviews

- Be honest
- Respond to invitations promptly
- Interview goes both ways
- RESEARCH PROGRAMS
  - Faculty
  - Research efforts
  - Program strengths/weaknesses
- Make effort to attend pre-interview events
- Talk with everyone
Interview Season — Interviews

- **Prepare questions**
  - Anticipated changes
  - Implications of integrated/traditional programs

- **Anticipate questions**
  - Why vascular?
  - Why our program?
  - Know your research
  - Career goals

- **Arrange coverage while you’re away**
POST-APPLICATION (Chief Year)

- Stay involved
  - Research
  - Literature
  - Reading

- Contact program
  - Program director
  - Fellows/residents
  - Staff

- General surgery boards
Good Luck!