

Please find below a statement from Dr. Ilana Rosman and the Association of Professors of Dermatology regarding the ERAS supplemental application tool that is being piloted by internal medicine, dermatology, and general surgery. If you have questions, comments, or general feedback, please use [this form](#) to submit them. Responses will be compiled anonymously and presented to the APD.

Sincerely,  
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Dear 2021-2022 dermatology applicants,  
As you are aware, dermatology will be participating in a program with AAMC to use a [new supplemental application tool](#) to facilitate holistic review and optimize fit between programs and applicants. This tool is currently being finalized and will allow applicants to provide more detailed information about their work, research, and service experiences as well as geographic experiences and preferences. Additionally, the tool will include preference signaling, so that applicants can denote their top preferred programs. The tool will be brief, free for applicants, and will only need to be completed once. This will be in addition to the MyERAS application that you complete. AAMC and APD will release the list of participating programs in August, and we will also provide information about whether the tool is required or voluntary for each of the participating programs.

More information about the specific questions will be released in the coming weeks. AAMC will host webinars and informational sessions to guide students through the process this summer. We also will follow-up with more dermatology-specific information, including details about an APD-DIGA webinar, in the coming weeks.

In addition to the new ERAS tool, dermatology will once again participate in coordinated interview invite release. Details about the dates and participating programs are being finalized and will be released this summer. We will also release a document that includes interview dates by program and whether the interviews will be virtual or in-person; this decision is being left to programs so expect a mix of virtual and in-person interviews this cycle.

We understand that the application and selection process is stressful, and that you may be anxious about changes to the process. However, please know that we have your interests in mind, and are working toward an improved process for all participants. Overall, we hope these changes will give you the opportunity to highlight your strengths and interests in a meaningful way, ultimately leading to better match outcomes.

Thank you.  
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