

OPEN LETTER TO PROSPECTIVE RESIDENCY APPLICANTS FOR THE 2018 MATCH

Dear Medical Students,

The residency program leaders in emergency medicine at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago are working together again this year to address the challenges of interview season travel.

Our programs have once again scheduled the majority of our interviews on consecutive dates. This will allow many of you from outside the Chicago area to interview at both of our programs in the same week. We hope that this will help to reduce travel costs for many of you. In fact, we studied the effect of this scheduling effort last year and found that students who interviewed on consecutive days at our programs saved a combined total of over \$18,000 in travel expenses.

To make scheduling convenient and fair, we will send the majority of our interview invitations via E-mail using *Interview Broker* at 7:30pm CT on Tuesday, October 10th. Those who will be invited to interview will receive a notice from our programs on Monday, October 9th, so that they can plan ahead for the timed *Interview Broker* message the following day. Please be sure to schedule two separate interview days for both Northwestern University and the University of Chicago.

In collaboration with Interview Broker and the Application Process Improvement Task Force through the Council for Residency Directors (CORD), we have elected to participate in the monitoring feature that provides alerts for applicants that are scheduled to interview at two programs on the same day.

Our interview days for the 2017-2018 season are:

Tues. Oct. 24	Northwestern
Wed. Oct. 25	Northwestern
Wed. Oct. 25	University of Chicago
Thurs. Oct. 26	University of Chicago
Thurs. Nov. 2	Northwestern
Fri. Nov. 3	Northwestern
Wed. Nov. 8	University of Chicago
Thurs. Nov. 9	University of Chicago
Tues. Nov. 14	Northwestern
Wed. Nov. 15	Northwestern
Wed. Nov. 15	University of Chicago
Thurs. Nov. 16	University of Chicago
Mon. Nov. 20	Northwestern
Tues. Nov. 21	Northwestern

Wed. Dec. 6 University of Chicago
Thurs. Dec. 7 University of Chicago
Thurs. Dec. 7 Northwestern
Fri. Dec. 8 Northwestern

Tues. Dec. 12 Northwestern
Wed. Dec. 13 Northwestern
Wed. Dec. 13 University of Chicago
Thurs. Dec. 14 University of Chicago

Mon. Dec. 18 Northwestern
Tues. Dec. 19 Northwestern

We hope that you find these efforts helpful this interview season. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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