

SOAP Highlights for Schools

To participate in SOAP, applicants **MUST** be unmatched or partially matched **AND** able to enter graduate medical education (GME) on July 1 in the year of the Match.

SOAP Principles

- SOAP-eligible applicants **MUST** submit applications only through ERAS® and **MUST** accept unfilled positions only through SOAP until SOAP concludes.
 - **Applicants and individuals/entities acting on behalf of applicants CANNOT contact programs until the program initiates contact.**
- SOAP-ineligible applicants **CANNOT** apply to **ANY** Match-participating programs, even those not participating in SOAP, until after SOAP concludes.
- Positions offered/accepted during SOAP establish a binding commitment enforced by the Match Participation Agreement.

How SOAP Works

- Applicants learn whether they are matched, unmatched, or partially matched on Monday of Match Week. Applicants who are fully matched or who are not SOAP-eligible will **NOT** be able to participate in SOAP or have access to the List of Unfilled Programs.
 - **ONLY those unfilled programs participating in SOAP will appear on the List. Partially-matched applicants can view ONLY the position types for which they are eligible.**
- Applicants review the List of Unfilled Programs and express preferences by applying to programs using ERAS. Applicants do not enter rank order or preference lists during SOAP. Programs review ERAS applications and express preferences with lists of applicants to whom they would like to offer a position.
- Positions are offered through the NRMP's Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system to applicants in order of a program's preference list and according to the number of unfilled positions the program has at the start of the round.
 - Applicants receive an email if an offer is extended and can receive multiple offers in any SOAP round.
 - Applicants should **NOT** accept an offer until all offers have been generated in that round. A banner will display in the R3 system.
 - Applicants have 2 hours in which to accept, reject, or let offers expire.
 - Offers accepted automatically make applicants ineligible for the same type of position in another program. Offers rejected/expired will **NOT** be extended again.
- The **SOAP Schools Report**, available at the beginning of the first SOAP round, provides information about unmatched students who have and have not accepted SOAP offers, the types of positions accepted, and the program and institution names. The **SOAP Schools Report** will be available "real time" during each round as offers are accepted, giving school officials current information about the status of their SOAP-participating students.