

SCC Program Directors Society Guide for Fellowship Applicants

Academic Year: 2026-2027

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, 2025: SAFAS opens for Appointment Year 2026 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, 2025: Application deadline for Appointment Year 2026 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 2025: Register for NRMP SCC Match.

August 13, 2025: SCC Rank Order List deadline for Appointment Year 2026.

August 27, 2025: SCC Match Day for Appointment Year 2026.

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

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

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: 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.