

Checklist: SF Match (Ophthalmology)

JANUARY to MARCH	
Specialty Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Work toward identifying/finalizing specialty choice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize AAMC Careers in Medicine Resources Attend OSA Residency Application Workshops Meet with Specialty Advisor(s), OSA, Senior Students/Alumni Network <p><i>Resources:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AAMC CiM (Log in required) The Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology (AUPO) Resources for Medical Students - Ophthalmology Residency - SF Match - Residency and Fellowship Matching Services Medical Student Webinars - American Academy of Ophthalmology (aao.org)
ACP Scheduling	<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule the Advanced Clinical Phase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Specialty Advisor(s), OSA Advisors, Senior Students/Alumni Network Consult the SOM Renaissance Curriculum Graduation Requirements Consider whether you plan to do any extramural (“away”) rotations. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to extramural rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend SOM Workshop: Extramural Rotations Attest to review of Module/Workshop and contact OSA to get VSLO Token Get a head start on vaccine requirements. Work on a draft of a personal statement/letter of interest for extramural rotations <p><i>Resources:</i> SOM Academic Handbook, “Clinical Scheduling” and “Extramural Rotations” <i>Resources:</i> SOM Renaissance Curriculum Graduation Requirements <i>Workshop:</i> ACP Scheduling (12/4) <i>Workshop:</i> Extramural Rotations (1/4)</p>
USMLE Step 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule your USMLE Step 2 examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> we recommend taking no later than July 26, 2024 expect results 4-8 weeks after your test date <p><i>Workshop:</i> Step 2 Registration and Timing (1/3)</p>
APRIL to JUNE	
Application Prep	<input type="checkbox"/> Update your CV <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to outline/draft your personal statement <input type="checkbox"/> Consider possible LoR writers <p><i>Resources:</i> SOM Residency Application Manual <i>Resources:</i> SF Match Central Application Services (CAS) Instructions <i>Resources:</i> Medical Student Resources Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology (aupo.org) <i>Resources:</i> AAMC How to Apply for Residency Positions <i>Workshop:</i> The Residency Application Overview (4/8) Workshop: Watch the Personal Statement 101 Video and attend a Personal Statement Workshop (7/16 and 8/20)</p>
OSA Advising	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend OSA Specialty Advising Sessions (May) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review specifics of applications by specialty including general application strategies, competitiveness of specialty, and unique application aspects for your specialty.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule your personal (1:1) meeting with your OSA Advisor (May, Jun, Jul) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refine specialty choice, discuss Advanced Clinical Phase Schedule and review graduation requirements, review components of the residency application, discuss/review the MSPE, discuss application specifics including number of and which programs to apply to as well as contingency planning. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss contingency planning <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor timelines/announcements on different professional websites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Students - American Academy of Ophthalmology (aao.org) Resources for Medical Students - Ophthalmology Residency - SF Match AUPO Medical Student Resources
Access MyERAS	<input type="checkbox"/> Access your MyERAS Application – OSA will issue token in April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access is limited to demographic information and LoR portal <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain your ERAS Photo – OSA will help schedule with SOM photographer <p>*Even for students in SF Match, it is still important to Access MyERAS as some advanced programs require ERAS applications for preliminary programs.</p>
JUNE to AUGUST	
USMLE Step 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Take USMLE Step 2 (May, Jun, July) – last day to take July 26, 2024
Acuity Insights	<input type="checkbox"/> Determine whether you will need to take CASPER/Acuity Insights (Specialty/Program specific). https://acuityinsights.app/
Central Application Services (CAS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Being applying through the Central Application Service (CAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAS Opens July 1, 2024- “Applicant Registration” Begin working on your application (demographics, experiences, supporting documents) <p><i>Resources:</i> SF Match Central Application Services (CAS) Instructions <i>Resource:</i> FAQs - Ophthalmology Residency - SF Match - Residency and Fellowship Matching Services <i>Workshop:</i> Residency Application Workshop June 4th</p>
Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine tune your CAS Application and supporting documents <input type="checkbox"/> Continue editing your Personal Statement (ensure multiple reviewers) <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm Letter Writers (recommend they submit by mid-August. No later than September 1st) <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your Noteworthy Characteristics to OSA (August) <input type="checkbox"/> Review your MSPE for accuracy, spelling, grammar (August) <input type="checkbox"/> Choose/refine program list (using data from OSA/Specialty Advisors, Peer Advisors, National Resources) <input type="checkbox"/> Contact programs of interest (website/email) to confirm application requirements and individual deadline dates. <p><i>Resources:</i> AAMC Residency Explorer <i>Resources:</i> SOM Alumni Network (Access via MedScope Portfolio Career Tab) <i>Workshop:</i> Mission/Branding (TBD)</p>
SEPTEMBER	
Submit Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit CAS Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/2/2024: CAS Target Date- this is the date that applications are released to programs Applicants may upload supplemental documents and additional applications as available. This is NOT a deadline. Programs can accept

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	<p>applications after this date. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact training programs for individual deadline dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double check that your application is complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Release USMLE Transcripts <input type="checkbox"/> Upload your Photo <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to Programs – use all your available program signals <input type="checkbox"/> Assign documents (LoR, Personal Statement, Photo, USMLE Transcript) <p><i>NOTE: OSA will upload MSPE/Transcript – automatically sent to all programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Certify your application <p><u>Resources:</u> SF Match - An overview of completing an application and accepting interview invitations - Zoom</p>
SEPTEMBER to JANUARY	
NRMP / Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for NRMP Match Service - https://www.nrmp.org/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration opens September; standard registration ends Jan 31st • Ophthalmology Applicants MUST still register for NRMP as you may need to use this in your preliminary year <input type="checkbox"/> Learn how the Match works -review SF Match Rules <p><u>Resources:</u> Match Rules - Ophthalmology Residency - SF Match</p>
Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule and attend program interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Ophthalmology, Tuesday, October 8, 2024- First Day for Invitations • Students can accept no more than 15 interviews • Interviews typically occur Oct-Jan and dates vary by specialty/program • Anticipate a potential mix of virtual and in-person interviews • Applicants should actively monitor email and interview broker programs <p><u>Resources:</u> SOM Residency Application Manual – “Interviews” <u>Resources:</u> Interview Scheduler Webinar- SF Match <u>Resources:</u> SOM Mock Interview Program <u>Workshop:</u> Interview Preparedness <u>Workshop:</u> Post-Interview – Etiquette, Ranking, and More</p>
ACP Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm final schedule and Graduation Requirements
JANUARY-FEBRUARY	
Open House Sign Up and Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Open House - applicant signup period: Friday, January 3, 2025 - Thursday, January 23, 2025: Applicants Open House tour sign-up period. <input type="checkbox"/> Open House Tours: Friday, January 3 - Thursday, January 23, 2025: Attend optional program visit days <p>*Note: Thursday, January 2, 2025 @ 12:00 PM (noon) PT: Program Rank List Deadline</p>
Ranking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit you Rank Order List through SF Match <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to submit your rank list is Tuesday, January 28, 2025 @ 12:00 PM (noon) PT • We recommend submitting at least 48 hours in advance <p><u>Resources:</u> FAQs - Ophthalmology Residency - SF Match Ranking NRMP Creating a ROL, Supplemental ROL, and Couples in the Match</p>

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MATCH RESULTS	<p>Match Results: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 5:00 AM PT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match results are made available to programs, applicants, and US medical schools through the SF Match system. A login is required to view results. <p>Post-match vacancies: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 @ 9:00 AM PT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any vacancies which remain after the match will be announced on the Immediate Vacancies page. Vacancy listings are managed by individual programs.
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your Program to see if you need to participate in the NRMP match for your preliminary or advanced program! <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the OSA Advising Survey – available after ROL deadline <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire – opens 2/14 <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Alumni Network
MARCH	
The Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Mandatory Match Week Workshop (TBD) <input type="checkbox"/> Plan on being in Baltimore for the entirety of Match Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match week is the third week in March If you are waiting on a prelim year, Monday 3/17/2024 at 10 am, students will receive notification of Match status Unmatched students should report to OSA <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate Match Day – Friday March 21st, 2024 – with Family & Friends at M&T Bank Exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should anticipate hearing from programs shortly after Match <p><i>Resources:</i> Match Week Schedule <i>Resources:</i> NRMP SOAP</p>
APRIL to JUNE	
Post Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Transition to Residency (April) <input type="checkbox"/> Check your transcript for completion of graduation requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Order Graduation Regalia (April) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Licensure and Verification Paperwork – OSA can assist <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to Move <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Alumni Network <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Senior Year Events <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate Commencement with Family and Friends – May 22, 2025