

# MyERAS Updates

ERAS 2024

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# Session Objectives

- Understand the upcoming MyERAS application updates for fellowship applicants
- Review lessons learned from categorical residency program leaders during the 2023 cycle
- Develop a plan for your program to utilize the MyERAS application in holistic review of your applicants



# Goals for Updating the MyERAS Application



**Update questions on the ERAS application to reflect current context**



**Help applicants share more information about themselves and their medical education journey**



***Drive holistic review in a high-volume application context by providing better information about applicants’:***

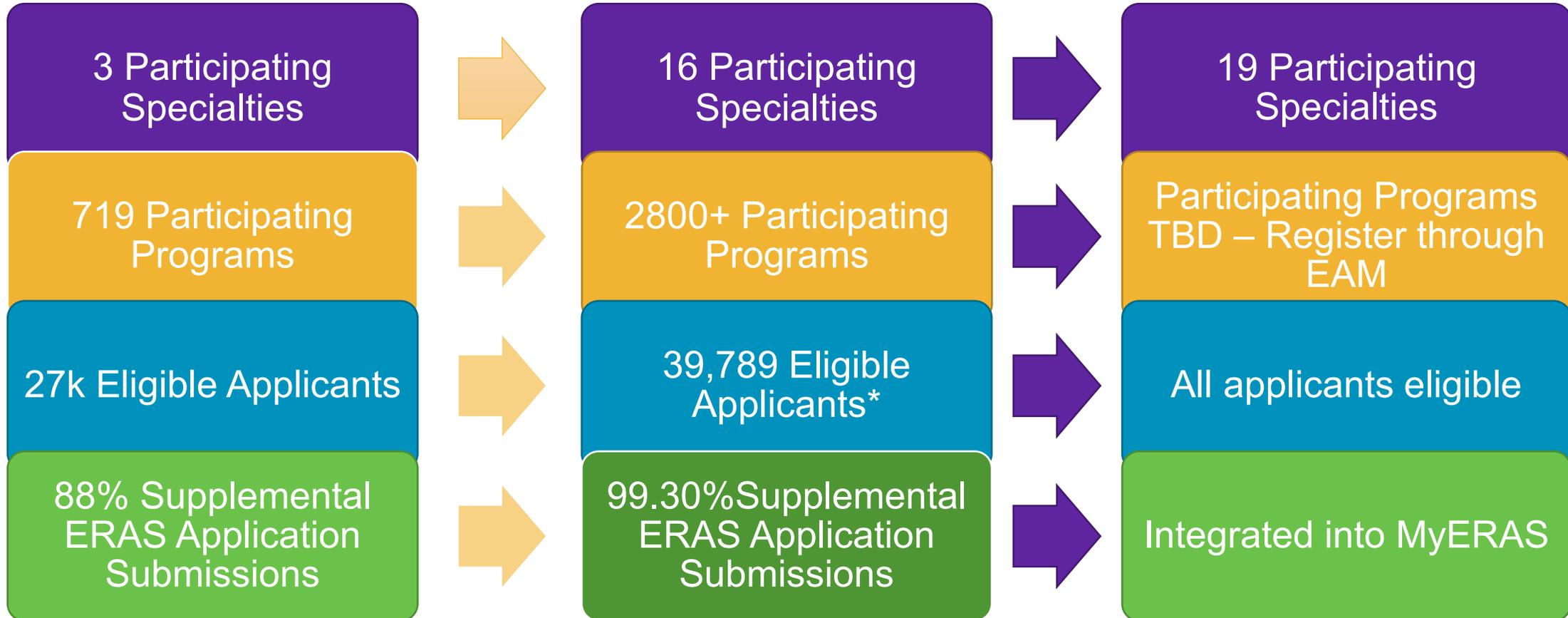
- Experiences
- Geographic information
- Interest via program signals

# Supplemental ERAS Application

## 2022 Cycle vs 2023 Cycle

# MyERAS

## 2024 Cycle



# Changes in MyERAS for the 2024 Cycle



## Residency Applicants

Updated Experiences

New Geographic Info

Adding Program Signals\*

## Fellowship Applicants

Updated Experiences

New Geographic Info

# Updated Experiences in MyERAS for 2024



- Applicant can enter up to 10 experiences
- Identify 3 most meaningful experiences
- More experience types
- Improved collection of experience fields

- New mission-focused characteristics
  - Setting, Focus Area, Key Characteristics

- New Short Descriptions
  - Context, role, and responsibilities (750 char)
  - Meaningful experiences (300 char)
  - Impactful experiences (750 char)

# New Experiences – 2024 MyERAS Application

## All Applicants



### Selected Experiences (up to 10)

- Provide descriptive information.
- As applicable, select experience type, primary focus area, and key characteristic.
- Briefly describe activities, responsibilities, and context.



### Meaningful Experiences (up to 3)

- From selected experiences, identify up to 3 meaningful.
- Write short essay reflecting on experience and explain *why* it was meaningful and *how* it influenced you.

## If Applicable



### Impactful Experience

This question is intended for applicants who have overcome major challenges or obstacles.

- Family background
- Financial background
- Community setting
- Educational experiences
- Other general life circumstances

# Mission-Focused Drop-Down Selections

| Experience Type  | Primary Focus Area   | Key Characteristics   |
|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Volunteer/Service/Advocacy</li> <li>• <b>Education/Training</b></li> <li>• <b>Military Service</b></li> <li>• <b>Other Extracurricular Activity, Club, or Hobby</b></li> <li>• <b>Professional Organization</b></li> <li>• <b>Teaching/Mentoring</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic science</li> <li>• Clinical/translational science</li> <li>• Community involvement/outreach</li> <li>• Customer service</li> <li>• Healthcare administration</li> <li>• Improving access to healthcare</li> <li>• Medical education</li> <li>• Music/Athletics/Arts</li> <li>• Promoting wellness</li> <li>• Public health</li> <li>• Quality improvement</li> <li>• Social justice/advocacy</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Critical thinking and problem solving</li> <li>• Cultural humility and awareness</li> <li>• Empathy and compassion</li> <li>• Ethical responsibility</li> <li>• Ingenuity and innovation</li> <li>• Reliability and dependability</li> <li>• Resilience and adaptability</li> <li>• Self reflection and improvement</li> <li>• Teamwork and Leadership</li> </ul> |

# Impactful experience

- 750 characters
- **Optional** opportunity to describe hardships or challenges
  - Family
  - Financial background
  - Community setting
  - Educational experiences
  - Life experiences



# Geographic Preferences: Overview



## Geographic Preferences

### Goals for Geographic Preferences Section:

Provide a process for sharing geographic preferences that enhances accuracy and fairness.

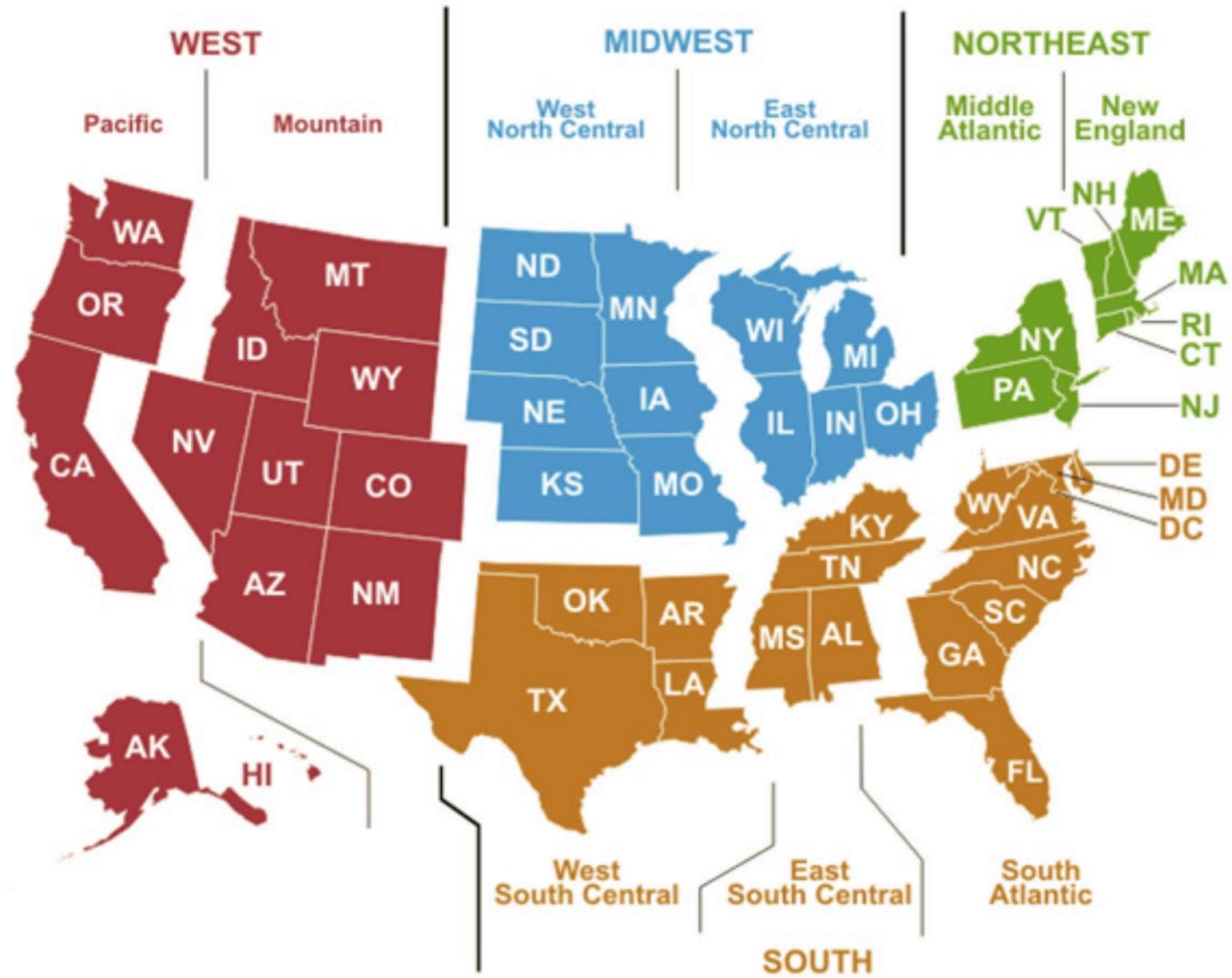
Communicate the importance of geography for an applicant.

Provide an opportunity to share preferences for regions and location setting.

# Geographic Preferences & Updates to 2024 MyERAS Application

All Applicants

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|--|--|--|---|
|   |   |   |   |
| <b>Geographic Preference Divisions (up to 3)</b>   | <b>Setting Preference</b>  | <b>Location Standardization</b>  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select up to three geographic divisions; using US census divisions OR indicate no preference.</li><li>• Short description to provide explanation for each.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indicate a degree of preference from urban to rural setting OR indicate no preference.</li><li>• Short description to provide explanation.</li><li>• Urban, urban/suburban, suburban, suburban/rural, rural.</li></ul> | <p>Standard Collection of all location information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Country</li><li>• State</li><li>• City</li><li>• Postal Code</li><li>• Setting</li></ul> | <p>Applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addresses</li><li>• Hometown(s)</li><li>• Experiences</li><li>• Education</li><li>• Training</li></ul> |



# Program Directors' WorkStation Enhancements

Experiences, Geographic Preference & Program Signals can be viewed on Applicants Detail page

New data will be available in filters and exports

Screening options will exist

New data will be available in the MyERAS CV and Applicant Summary to print

# PDWS Changes



## Quick Links

[Manage Filters](#)

[Create New Event](#)

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[Applicants Selected to Interview](#)

[Event History](#)

[PDWS User Guide](#)

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[PDWS Terms and Conditions](#)

## Welcome to PDWS

### Scheduled Maintenance

Due to scheduled maintenance, PDWS will be unavailable Saturday, May 20th between 02:00 AM - 08:00 AM ET. We appreciate your patience as we update our systems to meet your needs.

### Stats

1012

Applications Received

23

Applications Reviewed

19

No Longer Under Consideration

993

Total Applicants Active

### Application Activity

Start

MM/DD/YYYY



End

MM/DD/YYYY



UPDATE

Applicant Name

Change

Date Updated

No results displayed

### Favorite Filters

Alan's List

AOA Not Review Not invite

### Reports

Applicants Applying as a Couple

Applicants Selected to Honor Societies

# Screened Data

## Screened Data

Data screening hides sensitive information during the application evaluation process. Screened data will not be displayed in applications, reports, and filter results. You can switch data to screened or viewable at any time via the setup tab.

Last Updated By: Alan Shih-Chun Chin on Oct 27, 2022 at 1:22 PM EST

Basis for Work Authorization



Limitations



Birth Date



Misdemeanor Conviction



Current Work Authorization



Photograph



Designated Pronouns



Self Identification



Felony Conviction



Visa Sponsorship Needed



Gender



Visa Sponsorship Sought



Hometown(s)



# Application Interface in PDWS

The screenshot displays the PDWS application interface. At the top, a dark blue navigation bar contains the AAMC PDWS logo on the left and a menu of options: Dashboard, Applications (selected), Scheduler, Rankings, Reports, Archives, Setup, and Program Messages. Below the navigation bar, a light gray header shows 'Bulk Print Requests | Link to EAM | History' on the left and 'UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine/UCLA Medical Center | Pediatrics' on the right. A secondary header includes navigation links '< PREVIOUS Applicant 4 of 219 NEXT >' and an 'ACTIONS' dropdown menu.

The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a central panel. The sidebar contains a profile card with a black circular placeholder for a photo and the following information: AAMC ID (redacted), Applied Date (Sep 28, 2022), and Most Recent Medical School (New York Medical College). Below the profile card are four expandable sections: Scores, Attributes, Events, and Communication.

The central panel features an 'At-a-Glance' section with a list of fields and values: Assigned To (with an edit icon), Program Signal (Yes), Geographic Preference (Pacific), Division Preference (I was born raised in southern California), Setting Preference (No Preference), Tracks Applied by Applicant (Pediatrics (Categorical)), and Tracks Considered by Program (Pediatrics (Categorical)). Below this is a 'Statuses' section with a list of buttons: Will Start, Selected to Interview, Interviewed, and Selected for Ranking.

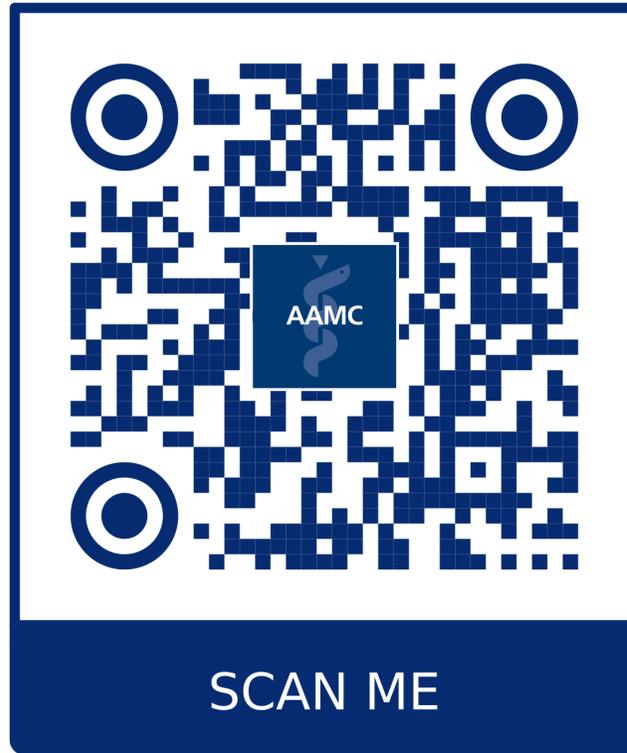
At the bottom of the central panel, a horizontal navigation bar allows switching between tabs: Personal, Education, Experience (selected), Publications, Exams/Licences, Limiting Factors, Documents (11), and Supp App. The 'Experience' tab is active, showing a 'Medical Experience' section with a message 'No experiences to display' and a 'Professional Experience (16)' section with expandable categories: Research Experience (1), Work Experience (5), and Volunteer Experience (10).

# For more information:

Supplemental ERAS Application  
Data and Reports:



What's New in the 2024  
MyERAS Application



The MyERAS Application and  
Program Signaling for ERAS 2024



# Questions/Discussion

