Residency Application Supporting Documents

- MSPE
- Medical School Transcript
- USMLE Score Transcripts
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Personal Statement
- LoRs

2020 NRMP Program Director Survey
## Types of LoRs

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<th>Specialty Specific</th>
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<td>Written to include your preferred specialty and why you would excel in your chosen field. <strong>You will need at least 1 LoR in your desired specialty to apply to programs in mid-September.</strong></td>
<td>Written to show off your skills as a physician, but does not specify your desired specialty. They are intended to be supplementary to help support your specialty-specific LoR.</td>
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<td>You will likely be securing LoRs from AUC Clerkships. Clerkships and Externships can have the biggest impact on your application with clerkships ranking the highest.</td>
<td>Observerships can be helpful if you are hoping to familiarize yourself with a private practice or hospital setting as well as to enhance your CV.</td>
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<td>Academic LoRs are from hospitals associated with a teaching program. These letters generally carry more weight and should make up the majority of the LoRs in your application.</td>
<td>Private Practice LoRs can still be helpful to your application; however, Academic LoRs should comprise the majority of the LoRs in your application.</td>
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### US, Canadian & UK Letters
Standard Letter of Evaluation (SLoE)

Required if applying to Emergency Medicine

Students will need at least two SLoEs during the application season

1 SLoE prior to NRMP Registration in mid-September for interview consideration

1 SLoE prior to Rank Order List Deadline in late February for ranking consideration
Who to Ask for a LoR

- Physicians who have witnessed you in a clinical setting
- Physicians who are familiar with your clinical abilities, medical knowledge and work ethic
- Physicians who are aware of your interpersonal skills with patients and your ability to work in a team
How to Ask for a LoR

Schedule a 1-on-1 Meeting
- Ask sooner rather than later during your rotation

Provide your letter writer with your CV and Personal Statement
- Do not make them feel pressured

Give them enough time (2-4 weeks at the very minimum following your rotation)
- If you perceive the writer is taking too long

To follow up: You may send your letter writer a professional email and reiterate your interest in the specialty

Check Out:
- Asking for a LoR by ECFMG
Which Rotations Should I Request LoRs From?

- **Preferred Specialty:** Core & Elective
  - This will give you more options when selecting a specialty to apply to for residency

- **Specialty that Interests You**

- **A Complementary Specialty**
  - (ex: Pediatrics if you are applying to Family Medicine because you will likely work with children as well in this specialty)

**Note:** Texas and California both require at least 4 weeks of an ACGME-sponsored rotation in Family Medicine in order to be eligible for licensure.

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To Waive or Not to Waive Right

Right to View VS. Waived Right

AUC’s recommendation is for students to waive their right to view the letter. If the LoR is viewed before it is submitted, it can be perceived as not as genuine compared to someone who waived his or her right to view it.
Process for Uploading the LoR

**Letter of Recommendation Portal (LoRP)** will need your AAMC #

Must be PDF, no more than 500KB, no electronic signature and must be on official letterhead

Cannot be uploaded by medical school or member of hospital staff in an advising role

A minimum of 3 letters per application and maximum of 4

Mac users should use Firefox or Chrome as ERAS does not support Safari
Submitting LoRs Early

I’m a 3rd year student and waived my right to view the letter. What are my choices?

Option 1

Open an ERAS account prior to your fourth year

Option 2

Ask the letter writer to hold the LoR until you open an account in your 4th year.
LoR Deadline

September 7th
Of the year prior to the Match

ECFMG recommends submitting your supporting documents by this date in order to guarantee their availability to programs by September 15th.

* Check the ECFMG Timeline as dates are subject to change

Note: Your MSPE letter will be uploaded by the OSPD and will not be released to programs until October 1st.