

The Brown University Department of Surgery offers six preliminary (one-year) residency positions to be applied for only through ERAS. Those entering the match for subspecialties such as Orthopaedic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Radiology, Ophthalmology, and Urology, among others, might consider Surgery for their prerequisite year. Others who are undecided as to their final career may also choose Surgery for their internship prior to finalizing their residency plans.

A complete application package should include the ERAS application form, personal statement, USMLE score report, dean's letter, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. The deadline for receipt of completed application files is **Wednesday, December 1, 2004**.

For foreign medical graduates, the following criteria must be met:

1. A graduation date from medical school within the past five years;
2. A score of 200 or higher on USMLE Step 1;
3. Clinical experience in the United States (preferably with letters of recommendation from U.S. physicians); and
4. Proof of ECFMG certification prior to submission of the rank list.

Completed files will be reviewed by the program director beginning on December 1st. Incomplete files will not be reviewed. Invitations for phone interviews will go out by e-mail during the month of January to all those selected.

In answer to commonly asked questions:

1. Interns in preliminary positions are first considered for categorical positions that open up during the year, if any. Excellent performance throughout the year is expected for such consideration.
2. Prior surgical training in another country is not recognized and given credit for in the U.S. Only training from programs accredited by the ACGME will be allowable toward the total number of years required for certification by the American Board of Surgery.
3. Rhode Island Hospital sponsors only J-1 clinical visas for foreign medical graduates.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to e-mail Susie Smeaton at ssmeaton2@lifespan.org.