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Hi everyone, please read the letter below from the ERAS team regarding the early opening on September 5 and how you can get ready to submit.

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Dear Applicant,

On September 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. ET, you may begin applying to ACGME-accredited residency programs, ten days before programs are given access to applications and supporting documents on September 15. All applications submitted September 5-15 will be date-stamped **“September 15, 2018”** for programs.

### **Preparing for September Early Opening**

We encourage you to review the tasks below to ensure that you are prepared and ready when early application opening begins:

#### **Carefully Check Your Application**

**Please take the time to review and carefully proofread your application before certifying and submitting.** Once you [certify and submit](#) your application—including those completed September 5 through September 15—you will not be able to make any changes except to the Personal Information section of your MyERAS application. [Application fee](#) refunds will not be provided for any reason, so please certify and submit only when you are certain your application is complete and correct.

#### **Research Programs Before Applying**

Please practice due diligence and research individual programs' requirements and deadlines during your application process. When you search for programs in MyERAS, **informational icons will appear beside the names of programs that have provided additional information**, which you can view by clicking on or selecting the program's link.

#### **Letters of Recommendation (LoRs)**

All letters of recommendation (LoRs) must be uploaded using the ERAS LoR

Portal (LoRP) by LoR authors or their designees. The designees may not be members of the teaching hospital (in an advising role) or medical school staff supporting in the application process. LoRs that have been uploaded can be assigned to programs under the Documents tab and LoR section under the Programs Applied/Saved tab.

## How do I get ready?

So you can plan ahead, the following resources are available:

- [Overall ERAS 2019 Timeline](#)
- [ERAS Residency Applicant Checklist](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions for Residency Applicants](#)
- [Tools and Worksheets for Residency Applicants](#)
- [AAMC's Organization of Student Representatives \(OSR\) - Utilizing the Electronic Residency Application Service Webinar](#)

## #AskERAS2019 Twitter Chat

ERAS will host a Twitter chat August 29, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET. Use the hashtag #AskERAS2019 to participate and ask [@ERASinfo](#) questions related to the residency application process.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending more information on the residency application process and tasks you need to complete in MyERAS. If you have any questions or need technical assistance as you begin your application process, please contact the [ERAS Help Desk](#).

Best wishes,

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