



### **Prospective Applicant Requirements & Frequently Asked Questions for All Applicants**

The University of Chicago Dermatology Residency Program are eager to train highly accomplished, well rounded, dedicated and motivated individuals who are fully committed to becoming excellent dermatologists and physicians. All applications are reviewed by our Recruiting Committee to evaluate how applicant qualifications meet this goal for our program.

1. How many positions will you have for the 2022-2023 academic year?  
We will have 3 PGY-2 positions. You **MUST** successfully complete a preliminary year in an ACGME-accredited training program by June 30, 2022 to be eligible for our program.
2. Do you accept applications outside of ERAS (Electronic Residency Application System)? What is the deadline for applications?  
No, all applicants **MUST** apply through ERAS. Our deadline (at this time) is October 15 for the 2022-2023 academic year.
3. Do you participate in The MATCH? What is the deadline to submit my Match List?  
Yes, we participate in The MATCH for all of our PGY2 positions. All applicants need to register for The MATCH through ERAS. The deadline for submitting your Match List to the NRMP is typically late February. For further information about this process, you can to the NRMP website (<http://www.nrmp.org/applicant-registration/>).
4. What are your requirements for the USMLE Step exam?  
In 2020-2021 we revised our application review process to one that is a more holistic look at the total applicant. The USMLE Step 1 score report is part of the requested documents and comprises one part of a total package for the student. An applicant should submit all available score reports. For IMG applicants, see additional information on the USMLE Exam in the separate IMG section below.
5. Do applicants from an osteopathic medical program need to take the USMLE, the COMPLEX or both?  
The University of Chicago Dermatology Residency program accepts only the USMLE Step 1 score report.
6. Do you have any specific requirements for letters of recommendation?  
We require 3 letters which **MUST** be submitted as part of the overall ERAS application. Letters should be from individuals with whom the applicant has worked closely and can speak to the applicant's qualification for residency. The MSPE does not count as a reference letter. A 4<sup>th</sup> letter will be accepted but is not a requirement.

7. Do you consider applicants who have completed a residency training program, i.e. more than the one preliminary year?  
We do consider applicants with previous residency training; however funding availability for individuals with more than 4 years total of residency training may become restricted in the future.
8. Is there a time since medical school graduation requirement for the Residency Program?  
All applicants are required to have graduated from medical school with a Medical or DO degree, and must complete a one year US internship prior to beginning the residency program.

### **Frequently Asked Questions for IMG Applicants**

9. Do you consider International Medical Graduates (IMG)?  
Yes, with the following additional considerations.
10. Does The University of Chicago Dermatology accept J1 visas?  
Yes, applicants who are not U.S. Citizens or green card holders must be ECFMG-certified and eligible to apply for the appropriate visa before beginning a residency or fellowship program at the University of Chicago Medical Center.
- J1 Visa-This visa is sponsored by ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates). J-1 holders are required to return to their home country after the completion of training for two years before they can return to the U.S. The application process takes approximately 6-8 weeks. The applicant is responsible for paying all fees associated with the J-1 visa.
11. Does The University of Chicago Dermatology sponsor H1 visas?  
No
12. Is the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate required at the time of application?  
Yes, a copy of the certificate MUST be included as part of the ERAS application process.
13. Are there additional requirements for IMG applicants and the USMLE Step exams?  
The completion of USMLE Step 2 and USMLE Step 3 are required prior to starting the University of Chicago Dermatology Residency Program. A one year US internship is required prior to starting dermatology training at UCM.
14. Does The University of Chicago Dermatology require US clinical experience?  
Yes, a one year US internship is required.