



## Applying for Pathology Fellowships in 2026 and 2027



Updates on timelines, matches and other important information for applicants from the  
**Association for Academic Pathology Fellowship Directors Committee**

The timing and mechanics of applying to pathology fellowships have been complex and mysterious for a long time. Many subspecialties have started to organize their recruitment efforts, to provide for common application processes and standardized timelines. The goal of these efforts is to allow applicants time to make an informed decision on which specialties interest them by starting the application process in the third year of residency, and to allow applicants to interview at all programs that interest them prior to being made offers. Below, the members of the FDC describe the current state of affairs for each specialty for the 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 recruiting seasons. **Note that many specialties still have open positions for the 2026-7 academic years.** Please check the individual subspecialty websites and the AAPath listing of unexpected openings at (<https://www.academicpathology.org/fellowship-openings>)

### Subspecialty Fellowship Recruitment Plans in Brief:

Academic Year 2027-8	
<b>Fellowship Match</b> Hematopathology Molecular Genetic Pathology Forensic Pathology Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology Clinical Informatics*  *Non-NRMP Match	<b>Unstructured Recruitment</b> General Surgical Pathology All surgical pathology subspecialties other than BST Cytopathology Dermatopathology Pediatric Pathology Transfusion Medicine Chemical Pathology Medical Microbiology
Academic Year 2028-9	
<b>Fellowship Match</b> Cytopathology Dermatopathology Hematopathology Molecular Genetic Pathology Forensic Pathology Surgical pathology subspecialties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology</li> <li>• Breast Pathology</li> <li>• Gyn Pathology</li> <li>• Gyn/Breast Pathology</li> </ul> Clinical Informatics*  *Non-NRMP Match	<b>Unstructured Recruitment</b> Pediatric Pathology Transfusion Medicine Chemical Pathology Medical Microbiology Surgical pathology subspecialties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENT</li> <li>• GI</li> <li>• GU</li> <li>• GU-Renal</li> <li>• Renal</li> <li>• General Surgical Pathology</li> <li>• Thoracic</li> </ul>

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application resources!



### Key Dates:

Academic Year 2027-8		
<b>NRMP Match:</b> ~January 2026: Programs start interviews March 11, 2026: Ranking opens April 15, 2026: Rank order list certification deadline April 29, 2026: Match day July 2027: Start of fellowship	<b>Clinical informatics Match:</b> See website for details.	<b>Non-Match:</b> For specialties with <u>unstructured</u> recruitment, see individual program requirements.
Academic Year 2028-9		
<b>NRMP Match:</b> ~January 2027: Programs start interviews March 10, 2027: Ranking opens April 14, 2027: Rank order list certification deadline April 28, 2027: Match day July 2028: Start of fellowship	<b>Clinical informatics Match:</b> See website for details.	<b>Non-Match:</b> For specialties with <u>unstructured</u> recruitment, see individual program requirements.

**Further Information:**

**Surgical Pathology & Most Subspecialties:** <https://www.academicpathology.org/surgpath-recruitment-page>

**Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology:** <https://isbstp.org/msk-match/>

**Cytopathology:** <https://cytopathology.org/page/CytopathologyFellowshipPrograms>

**Dermatopathology:** <https://www.asdp.org/physicians-in-training/dermatopathology-fellowships/>

**Molecular Genetic Pathology:** <https://www.amp.org/education/career-development/molecular-genetic-pathology-mgp-fellowship-training-programs/>

**Hematopathology:** <https://www.society-for-hematopathology.org/web/education-match.php>

**Forensic Pathology:** <https://www.thename.org/applying-matching-to-forensic-pathology-fellowships>

**Pediatric Pathology:** <https://www.sponline.org/fellowships-2>

**Transfusion Medicine:** <https://www.aabb.org/education-career/career/aabb-workforce-initiatives/fellowship-training-programs>

**Neuropathology:** <https://www.neuropath.org/neuropathology-fellowships>

**Clinical Informatics:** <https://www.pathologyinformatics.org/informatics-fellowships>

**Chemical Pathology:** <https://www.aacc.org/>

**Medical Microbiology:** <https://asm.org/>