

## Learner News Week of October 5, 2020

### Finalized 2021 R1 match timeline

The AFMC Board has made the following decisions regarding the 2021 R-1 Match:

- Interviews will be in a virtual format including those for local candidates.
- The match timeline will be:
  - The Last Day of the Application Period: February 7, 2021
  - The File Review Period: February 8 to March 5, 2021
  - The Virtual Interview Period: March 8 to March 28, 2021
  - The First Iteration Match Day: April 20, 2021
  - The Second Iteration Match Day being no later than: May 18, 2021.

More information can be found here: <https://afmc.ca/en/node/357>

### Current state of discussions on 2021 applicant requirements

Student representatives from CFMS and FMEQ have participated in creating the recommendations of the AFMC Resident Matching Committee (ARMC) subcommittee on File Review and Applications. Recommendations have included the number of reference letters, whether or not they should be structured; whether there need to be letters from specific disciplines to which the applicant is applying; the use of the MSPR template; additional ways to support the application process. The recommendations have been approved by the Standing Committee on Education. They will move forward for final approval by the AFMC Board of Directors at their meeting on October 27, 2020. The approved recommendations will be announced following this meeting.

### Current state of discussions on virtual interviews

The Virtual Interview and Program Recruitment Subcommittee of the ARMC has been working to develop interactive virtual interview handbooks for both programs and applicants. The subcommittee will use all available resources to create comprehensive handbooks that will help guide preparation for interviews.

The Canadian Residency Virtual Program Promotion Guide was released on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. [https://afmc.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/2020-Canadian-Residency-Virtual-Promotion-Guide\\_en.pdf](https://afmc.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/2020-Canadian-Residency-Virtual-Promotion-Guide_en.pdf)



The National Web calendar of events is a centralized calendar of events that lets learners learn more about residency programs across the country. <http://www.afmc.ca/en/learners/r1-match>

A platform specifically for program promotion will be launched in November.

### **Current state of discussions on 2022 R1 match timeline**

The 2022 R1 match timeline is being discussed by the ARMC. Efficiencies created for the 2021 timeline are being maintained where possible. Recommendations will be brought to the AFMC Board of Directors meeting October 27, 2020. A decision regarding the 2022 timeline is expected at that time.

### **Current state of discussions on 2022 visiting electives**

There are no visiting electives for the Class of 2022 at this time. The schools are eager to resume visiting electives, however no decision around recommendations for the resumption of visiting electives has been made at this time. This topic will be discussed by the AFMC Committee on Undergraduate Education at their upcoming meetings.