

## 2025 ERAS® PDWS Getting Started Guide

Welcome to the 2025 ERAS recruitment season!

The ERAS® team will share important information throughout the recruitment season. This guide provides a summary of what is new this season and an overview of improvements to the Program Director's WorkStation (PDWS).

For answers to questions or additional information, please contact the [AAMC Support Center](#) at 202-828-0413 or (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET).

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## Content Update

### What's New for the 2025 MyERAS® Application

MyERAS® application updates are made every season based on research and community feedback. All changes are intended to improve the application process for applicants and programs, support holistic review, and contribute to developing a more diverse physician workforce.

Several updates were made this year to streamline information in the application. Please review these changes in detail on the [What You Need to Know About the 2025 ERAS Application Season](#) webpage.

#### Training Interruption Language Update

There is modified PDWS language as it applies to applicants' training interruptions. This change mirrors an update made for applicants in the MyERAS application. This section has been revised to focus on unplanned extensions and interruptions related to academic or professional performance issues and is not intended to solicit information about applicants' health, disability, or family status. Programs can find more information about an applicant's educational extensions, gaps, or interruptions in the Medical School Performance Evaluation (MSPE), MyERAS experiences section, personal statement, and through the interview process.

Please refer to the [FAQs for ERAS® Residency Applicants](#) for additional information.

Find the updates for the 2025 season and the changed sections by [What's New for the 2025 MyERAS Application webpage](#).

### Filter Changes

The table provided below displays the Filters that have been added, updated, or removed from the PDWS. If a program has saved user-defined filter(s), it is necessary for users to remove or update any unavailable data field before using the filter. Also, remember to save the filter again after making any modifications.

Removed/Moved* Field(s)	Category
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ACLS Certification</li> <li>2. ACLS Expiration Dates</li> <li>3. BLS Certification</li> <li>4. BLS Expiration Date</li> <li>5. CSA Exam</li> <li>6. CSA Pass Date</li> <li>7. PALS</li> <li>8. PALS Expiration Date</li> </ol>	Licensure/Certifications
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Language Proficiency</li> </ol>	Language
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alpha Omega Alpha.*</li> </ol>	Membership in Honorary or Professional Societies

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Gold Humanism Honor Society.*</li> <li>3. Others.*</li> <li>4. Sigma Sigma Phi.*</li> </ol>	
Added/Updated Filter(s)	Category
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are you Board Certified?</li> <li>2. Clinical Skills Exam</li> <li>3. Clinical Skills Exam Pass Date</li> <li>4. Other Certifications</li> </ol>	Licensure/Certifications
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professional Memberships</li> </ol>	Professional Memberships
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alpha Omega Alpha</li> <li>2. Gold Humanism Honor Society</li> <li>3. Others</li> <li>4. Sigma Sigma Phi</li> </ol>	Honors & Awards

Fields with the \* icon have been moved to a different category.

Access the [Filter Categories job aid](#) to see the available filter categories list.

## ERAS Program Management

Programs now have two additional sections to provide information. After updating the program's participation status, users can then update the Program Characteristics and Application Requirements section.

### Program Characteristics

The questions in this section are for research purposes only and will not be shared with applicants, except the Visa Sponsorship question. Responses will help the AAMC evaluate the potential value of this information for supporting applicants' exploration of programs in the future.

### Application Requirements

Programs can provide applicants with information about required documents and interview release dates. Questions in this section focus on a program's requirements for an applicant to be considered for interview. The information you provide will be shared with applicants in the ERAS system during the application process.

**Questions related to Document Requirements, Interview Release Dates, and Visa Sponsorship will be visible to applicants.** For more information, please refer to the [Update Program Characteristics](#) and the [Application Requirements](#) job aids.

## Sunsetting Interview Scheduler: A Nostalgic Farewell

For the 2025 ERAS application season, all ERAS program-participating residency and fellowship programs will receive complimentary access to Thalamus Core, Itinerary Wizard, and Cerebellum as part of the multiyear collaboration. Access the webinar recording for [The AAMC-Thalamus Collaboration in the 2024-25 ERAS Application Season](#) for further information.

**Thalamus Core is replacing ERAS Interview Scheduler as the main interview management platform for all applicants and programs.** Cerebellum is replacing ERAS Analytics for Institutions as the main data and analytics reporting tool for institutions and programs. Program users can still use the PDWS for applicant screening and review processes, in addition to selecting applicants to move to Thalamus Core (complimentary service) and/or Cortex.

### Retired Interview Scheduler Functions

#### Filters

Please note that the Interview Scheduler filters can no longer be used to filter applicants in PDWS. If a program has a saved user-defined filter, remove, or update any unavailable data fields before using the filter. Also, make sure to save the filter again after making any modifications.

List of Interview Scheduler filters that are **not** available:

Filter Field(s)	Category
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant Paired With Single Interviewer</li> <li>Applicants Paired for Interview</li> <li>Date Paired for Interview</li> <li>Interview Location</li> <li>Interviewer</li> <li>Interviewer Comments</li> </ol>	Interview Information
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date Invited to Interview</li> <li>Date Waitlisted for Interview</li> <li>Interview Scheduled by</li> <li>Paired Interview Start Date</li> <li>Schedule Start Date</li> <li>Unpaired Applicants</li> <li>Unpaired Interview Start Date</li> <li>Waitlisted Event Start Date</li> </ol>	Interview Scheduler
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average Interview Scores</li> <li>Interview Total Scores</li> </ol>	Interview Scores
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date First Interviewed</li> </ol>	Interview Status

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Date First Scheduled to Interview</li> <li>3. Date First Waitlisted for Interview</li> <li>4. Declined for Interview</li> <li>5. Interview Scheduled/Waitlisted</li> <li>6. Interviewed</li> <li>7. Invited to Interview</li> <li>8. Scheduled for Interview</li> <li>9. Waitlisted for Interview</li> </ol>	
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## Application Review

### Interview Status

The Interview Status tab and previously available interview statuses have been removed from the Status section. The Selected to Interview status is still available and has been moved to the Application Status tab. Please refer to the Authorize Data to Thalamus section to see the suggested workflow.

## Thalamus Application Programming Interface (API)

The AAMC and Thalamus API streamlines transfer of program/applicant data between the ERAS PDWS and Thalamus products. From the list below, please select either Thalamus Core (interview management) or Thalamus Cortex (application review) to transfer data to either software. To send data to both Thalamus Core and Cortex, separate, additional authorization requests are required and may be completed upon submission of the prior request.

Once authorized, data transfer will occur in the background, and the ERAS PDWS and Thalamus products may continue to be used. The data transfer speed depends on the amount of data requested to be transferred and the number of data requests currently being processed by other programs.

Note: The authorize and export process can be completed multiple times to accommodate additional/new applications, and no data will be duplicated and/or deleted. Data can also be managed and/or deleted through Thalamus products.

### Authorize Data to Thalamus

Only users with institution super user (ISU), alternate institution super user (AISU), program super user (PSU), alternate program super user (APSU), and program coordinator (PC) roles in the PDWS have access to authorize data to Thalamus. It is recommended that programs choose the Selected to Interview status to track applicants who are selected for an interview after reviewing their applications. Once the status is selected, programs can filter for this status to view the applicants who were selected for an interview.

Selecting the mentioned status is optional, so programs can also choose custom statuses or filter for additional criteria.

Access the [Authorize Data to Thalamus job aid](#) webpage here.

## Managing Screened Data Fields

In the 2025 ERAS season, PSUs and APSUs have the option to update six screened data fields, and ISUs and AISUs can update all 14 screened data fields. If an institution sets a restricted field for programs to be viewable, then the program can toggle between making these fields viewable or screened as needed.

Program users must have a Super User role to configure screened information. Please contact the PSU or ISU to configure the screened data fields.

**Note: Screened data fields will carry over into Thalamus.**

ISU and AISU roles can view and edit the following fields:

ISU and AISU Data Fields	
Basis for Work Authorization	Birth Date
Current Work Authorization	Designated Pronouns
Felony Conviction	Gender
Geographic Preference	Hometown(s)
Limiting Factors	Misdemeanor Conviction
Photograph	Self Identification
Visa Sponsorship Needed	Visa Sponsorship Sought

Program Super User and Alternate Program Super Users can **view all data fields** but can only edit the following fields:

PSU and APSU Data Fields	
Basis for Work Authorization	Current Work Authorization
Geographic Preference	Hometown(s)
Visa Sponsorship Needed	Visa Sponsorship Sought

Please refer to the [Update Screened Data Fields job aid](#) for additional information.