

Summary of Guidelines for the OBGYN 2026-2027 Application Cycle

This is a summary of the key initiatives for the upcoming 2026-2027 application cycle. These initiatives will include:

- Updated **Standards to the OBGYN application and Interview Process**
 - Application deadline of 09/17/2026
 - Interview offers released on 10/27/2026
 - Interview offers limited to the number of interview spots
 - Allow applicants a minimum of 48 hours to respond to interview offers
 - Interviews occur no earlier than 11/01/2026
 - Notify applicants of final status (e.g. waitlist, rejection) by 11/25/2026
 - Virtual interviews for all applicants
- One **Standardized Letter of Evaluation (SLOE)** will continue to be part of the application package. The SLOE will be integrated in ResidencyCAS and directly filled out by the letter writer in the application platform. The SLOE will replace one of the traditional letters of recommendation (LOR) or the Chair's letter; applicants should still include two to three other traditional LORs based on each program's requirement. The updated SLOE template and applicable resources can be found at <https://apgo.org/page/rrraplicant>.
- Our specialty will be continuing **Program Signaling**:
 - Each applicant may choose to send a total of 18 signals with their application (3 gold signals for programs of highest interest and 15 silver signals for programs of high interest)
- We are utilizing a tool **with AMA FREIDA** for students to use to explore residency programs called the **Alignment Check Index (ACI)**. Programs that participate in this tool provide their recruiting priorities in 6 categories. Applicants will not see the program priorities. Applicants will be able to enter certain information about their background, experiences and academics and receive a list of programs that may align with the programs' recruiting priorities. The ACI tool and AMA FREIDA search filters are intended to complement personal advising and other current tools available to applicants as the applicant considers their career interests and learning styles.

We hope these processes make the application process easier for students and programs. Thank you for your support—please provide feedback or reach out with any questions at TransitionFeedback@apgo.org.

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