



Statement on Supplemental Applications

The Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM) is concerned about recent decisions by some internal medicine residencies and fellowships to require additional information and fees from students and residents applying to training programs. Similar decisions have been made by entire disciplines. These policies are burdensome and expensive for students and residents who already experience significant stress related to the application and match process. Many of these learners already carry significant debt from medical school. Residency program directors often report the supplemental information, if considered at all, provides little value in their decisions regarding which candidates to interview. AAIM believes that supplemental application forms and fees should not be required and are contrary to the culture of our discipline. In addition, AAIM recommends that programs not require program specific information in personal statements. If programs desire to elicit specific reasons an applicant is interested in the program, representatives can ask during the interview process. However, AAIM recognizes special instances where exceptions may apply (such as research-scientist pathways, etc.) This statement does not apply to that circumstance.

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