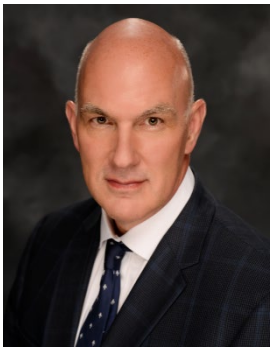
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Forensic psychiatry fellowship program directors of the Association of Directors of Forensic Psychiatry Fellowships (ADFPF) have again agreed to use the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) and the National Residency Match Program (NRMP aka "The Match") for the 2026 forensic psychiatry fellow selection process for the 2027-2028 Academic Year.

The key dates for the 2027-2028 Academic Year application process are:

- July 1, 2026 – Applicants may apply to forensic psychiatry fellowships via ERAS.
- July 15, 2026 – Forensic psychiatry fellowship programs begin to review applications on the ERAS platform.
- July 15, 2026 and after – Forensic psychiatry fellowship programs interview applicants.
- August 5, 2026 – Match Registration opens.
- September 2, 2026 – Ranking opens.
- September 23, 2026 – Quota Change and Withdrawal deadline.
- October 7, 2026 – Rank Order List Certification deadline.
- October 21, 2026 – Match Day. Unfilled/Unmatched Lists available.

Forensic psychiatry fellowship program directors have agreed that forensic psychiatry fellowships may not make fellowship offers to applicants outside of The Match, unless the program is attempting to fill an unfilled position after Match Day. This is consistent with the All-In Policy of The Match that the ADFPF has adopted.

Please look to the AAPL website for updates, and links to ERAS and the NRMP.