



## **Breast Oncology Fellowship**

### **FAQs**

**Q: How do I confirm all necessary materials and attachments are included in my application?**

A: Applicants should review their application to make sure all prior entries and attachments are included in the application. Reentry to the application does not change any prior entries unless the application is resubmitted. SSO does not review applications for completion given that different applicants may include different information.

**Q: When will peer references be notified to submit their Letters of Recommendations in the application process?**

A: Peer references receive an automatic email containing a reference request and link to complete their reference once their email addresses are entered and the next button is selected in the application. The application does not have to be submitted in its entirety to have reference requests sent. If a peer reference is having difficulty submitting their letter, please have them contact the SSO directly. The applicant cannot submit the letter on their behalf.

**Q: How will I know if a peer reference was submitted?**

A: Applicants will receive an email notification that an individual has uploaded a letter on their behalf.

**Q: I didn't take the ABSITE exam. (because I did a different residency, because I am International, etc.) Can I leave this blank?**

A: ABSITE exam scores are not required fields. You can leave this section blank if you did not take this exam.

**Q: Was my application successfully submitted?**

A: Once your application is submitted a confirmation link will appear and a confirmation email with an application summary will be generated to the email address listed in your SSO account.



**Q: I submitted my application. What now?**

A: Programs will be given access to all applicants' applications that have selected their respective programs. Communication regarding interviews will be sent directly from the programs.

**Q: Will reviewing my application after I have submitted it change any prior entries?**

A: No. To make changes to your application you will need to resubmit it.

**Q: Should I expect communication regarding interviews regardless of invitation?**

A: The match process is very similar to a job search. An applicant may or may not hear from a program and/or be invited to interview. Ultimately, if an applicant is waiting to hear back from a specific program it is best to follow up with the program directly.

**Q: Is there any advantage to the applicant to apply early in the application process?**

A: No. There is no distinct advantage to applying early since applicants will still need to interview and match with the fellowship programs.

**Q: How many applicants matched in 2015?**

A: Based on the 2015 application, 88 applicants applied for 63 fellowship spots.

**Q: Do programs accept international applicants?**

A: It is at the discretion of the program to decide which applicants they will interview and/or accept. For questions pertaining to a specific program, contact information can be found here:

<http://www.surgonc.org/training-fellows/fellows-education/breast-oncology/program-list>