

Society of Surgical Oncology

BREAST SURGICAL ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP MATCH

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

The Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Match (SSO Breast Match) is a program of the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO). By registering in the SSO Breast Match for fellowship positions that start training in the 2022-2023 academic year, I agree to:

1. Abide by all SSO Policies posted on the [SSO web site](#) pertaining to the SSO Breast Match, including but not limited to the Match Code of Conduct and Professionalism and the Match Program Violation Policy, which are incorporated by reference in and are an integral part of this Agreement.
2. Abide by the Schedule of Dates and Rules of the SSO Breast Match posted on the SSO Breast Match web site (natmatch.com/ssobreast), which are incorporated by reference in and are an integral part of this Agreement.
3. Provide complete and accurate information to the SSO Breast Match and to the programs to which I apply. I understand that I must apply to programs prior to the application deadline established by each program. All applications I submit to programs participating in the SSO Breast Match prior to the release of the Match results must be sent through the SSO Breast Match Application Service.
4. Not make any commitments to or contracts with any participating program prior to the release of the SSO Breast Match results. If I choose to accept a position at a program that is not participating in the SSO Breast Match, or decide not to participate in SSO Breast Match for any other reason, then I will withdraw from the SSO Breast Match prior to the Rank Order List deadline date.
5. Accept appointment to the program with which I am matched. The program I match with will send a letter of confirmation of the SSO Breast Match result to me no later than 10 working days after release of the SSO Breast Match results, which I must sign and return to the program within 30 days of the release of the SSO Breast Match results. I understand that the Match result constitutes an obligation between me and the program. I cannot avoid accepting appointment to the program with which I have been matched, nor may I accept another fellowship position, without a written release from SSO. Furthermore, even if I am released from my Match obligation, I may be subject to legal action by the program and/or disciplinary action by SSO if I do not attend the program to which I have been matched.
6. Pay National Matching Services Inc. (NMS) a non-refundable, non-transferable fee of \$300 USD to register for the SSO Breast Match. The registration fee also pays for up to 15 applications submitted to programs for positions beginning in 2022 using the SSO Breast Match Application Service. If I intend to submit more than 15 applications, I will purchase additional, non-refundable, non-transferable application credits at an additional cost of \$20 USD per credit.

I understand that I may express a high level of interest in a program and that I may freely discuss any matter with a program that does not include ranking information. I may voluntarily inform a program as to whether or not I intend to rank the program, and a program may voluntarily inform me as to whether or not it intends to rank me. However, neither party (applicant or program) may solicit such information from the other party. In addition, neither party may disclose to the other party or solicit from the other party any information regarding the positioning of any program or applicant on a Rank Order List prior to the release of the Match results. Furthermore, any expression of interest or intention to rank made during the discussion between me and a program is subject to change based on further considerations. Both the program and I have the right to change our minds at any time prior to the submission of the Rank Order Lists.

The Rank Order List I submit for the Match is the sole determinant of my order of preference for programs participating in the SSO Breast Match. Similarly, the Rank Order List submitted by each program is the sole determinant of the program's order of preference for applicants participating in the SSO Breast Match.

I agree that information concerning my participation in the SSO Breast Match may be reported to programs participating in the SSO Breast Match, to SSO, and to other parties deemed appropriate by SSO. Examples of this information include, but are not limited to: my contact information, application information, SSO Breast Match participation status, and SSO Breast Match result.

I agree to accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policies of the Match web sites, as shown at natmatch.com/ssobreast. I agree that NMS may contact me by e-mail and/or phone regarding my participation in the SSO Breast Match.

I understand that my appointment to the program to which I am matched may be contingent on my satisfying eligibility requirements for appointment specified by the program and institution.

I understand that SSO has the authority to enforce this Agreement. I understand that if I violate any of the terms of this Agreement or the SSO Breast Match Rules or Policies, such as refusing to accept a position at the program with which I have been matched, the violation will be reported to SSO and SSO may impose penalties on me, including barring me from participating in the SSO Breast Match in the future.