

BREAST SURGICAL ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP MATCH (Breast Match)

Overview of the 2026 Breast Match

The Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Match (Breast Match) is an Application Service and Matching Program used to place applicants into fellowship positions.

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[Registration](#)

To participate in the Breast Match, the Program Director needs to [register](#) the program in the NMS Match System by December 8, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter. Account information is not carried over from previous years for security reasons. [Step-by-step registration instructions](#) are available online. A list of [participating programs](#) will be posted on the Breast Match website by December 15, 2025.

[Manage Your Account](#)

Once registered, you can log into the NMS Match System to update program information, including [updating contact information](#) or adding [secondary users](#) to your account. If you want to change your program's approved number of positions, the Program Director must submit a Fellowship Complement Change Form to the BSO Training Committee. The request must be approved before the Rank Order List deadline, after which the number of positions can be updated in the NMS Match System. If a registered track will not offer any positions in the Breast Match, it must be [withdrawn](#) by the Rank Order List deadline.

[Applications](#)

Only programs that are registered for the Breast Match can receive and access applications from the [Breast Match Application Service](#). Your program will be sent an email once per day notifying you if there are any new applications or updates to the applications submitted to your program. Only applicants who register for the Breast Match can apply to and match to programs that participate in the Breast Match. You should instruct any applicants interested in obtaining a position at your program to register for the Breast Match.

Information about the [contents of the Breast Match application](#) is available on the Breast Match website. The Application Service provides [online tools](#) for programs to organize and evaluate applications. Applicants and programs will have access to the Application Service during the designated application period, which concludes with a uniform deadline for all programs.

[Interviews](#)

Programs may invite and conduct interviews during the interview period published on the Schedule of Dates. Consult SSO's website for the [Interview Calendar](#). Programs may select either virtual or in-person interviews. There should be one declared approach at each institution for all interviews, either virtual or in-person, and not a hybrid combination of both approaches. The BSO Training Committee supports the autonomy of each program to choose the format that best meets their needs and the needs of their fellowship candidates.

[Rankings](#)

Once interviews and evaluations are complete, all programs and applicants submit Rank Order Lists of their preferred choices into the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List deadline. The [Rankings User Guide](#) has step-by-step instructions for entering and certifying your Rank Order List.

You must prepare a separate Rank Order List for each track offered by your program. Your Rank Order List for each track should include all applicants who are acceptable for the track, ordered according to your true preferences. When creating your Rank Order List, you should not consider how an applicant might rank your track. The Breast Match website has more information about the [optimal ranking strategy](#).

If you certify a Rank Order List of applicants and do not withdraw prior to the Rank Order List deadline, the Rank Order List will be used in the Match. Your program must offer appointment to all applicants matched with your program, as outlined in the [Program Agreement and Rules](#).

[Results](#)

NMS uses an established and proven [matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists submitted by applicants and programs. Each track will be matched with the most preferred applicant(s) on its Rank Order List, up to the number of positions to be filled, who have ranked the track and who have not matched to a track they prefer.

[Breast Match results](#) are made available online and by email on the Match Results Day. The Breast Match result constitutes a binding obligation between your program and the applicant(s) matched with your program. You cannot avoid appointing a matched applicant to the program without a written release from the BSO Training Committee. Appointment of an applicant to a position may be contingent on the applicant satisfying any institution and program eligibility requirements for appointment specified to the applicant by the program prior to the Rank Order List deadline.

Programs that do not fill all positions and applicants who do not obtain a position in the Match may participate in the [Post-Match Process](#) to fill any positions that remain available.

[Help Resources](#)

For additional information, review the [Breast Match website](#), including the [Overview for Programs](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or [contact NMS support](#).