

Society of Surgical Oncology
BREAST SURGICAL ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP MATCH
(SSO Breast Match)

Program Instructions for the 2024 SSO Breast Match

The Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Match (SSO Breast Match) is an Application Service and Matching Program used to place applicants into fellowship positions. In order to obtain applications through the SSO Breast Match and participate in the Match, programs must register for the SSO Breast Match.

[SSO Breast Match Overview ›](#)

[Eligibility Criteria ›](#)

[Schedule of Dates ›](#)

1 Program Directors should register online for the 2024 SSO Breast Match by December 11, 2023.

- The Program Director of each program is sent an email with a unique link to start the online registration process. The registration process must be completed by the Program Director, and includes the following steps:

1. Set up a new account in the NMS Match System.

Account information is not carried over from previous years.

2. Confirm Program and Track Information.

Each program must register at least one track in the SSO Breast Match. Programs must include in the SSO Breast Match all available positions that start training in the 2025-2026 fellowship academic year.

Programs that offer different training streams or types of positions (e.g., different locations, research focus, etc.) should register multiple tracks in the SSO Breast Match.

[Learn About Registering Multiple Tracks ›](#)

3. Electronically sign the Program Agreement, which incorporates the SSO Breast Match Rules.

[View Program Agreement and SSO Breast Match Rules ›](#)

4. The Program Director will receive a confirmation email when the registration process is complete.

Detailed step-by-step registration instructions are available online:

[View the Registration Guide ›](#)

Once registered, program directors can add new (secondary) users to their NMS Match System account. This feature is helpful if you want to give a program coordinator the ability to manage your program information for the SSO Breast Match.

[Learn About Adding Users to Your Account ›](#)

- A list of participating programs will be posted on the SSO Breast Match website by December 18, 2023.
- In addition to registering for the Match, ensure your program's listing in the SSO Breast Fellowship Program List on the SSO website is up to date and includes your program's eligibility requirements, vaccination policies, and application procedures.

[View SSO's Breast Fellowship Program List ›](#)

2 Applicants apply to programs using the SSO Breast Match Application Service.

- Only programs that are registered for the SSO Breast Match can receive and access applications from the SSO Breast Match Application Service.

- The standard application submitted through the SSO Breast Match includes: contact information, academic history, post-graduate employment history, and exam score information; a Personal Statement, CV, and other documents uploaded by the applicant; and, 1-5 letters of reference submitted by individuals chosen by the applicant. Programs can request that applicants add other material to their SSO Breast Match application as Supplemental Material.

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.

The Application Service provides a number of tools that you can use to help organize and manage your applications.

[Read More About Applications ›](#)

- The SSO Breast Match Application Service will open for applicants and programs on December 18, 2023.
- The application deadline for all programs is January 19, 2024.
- Programs may invite applicants to interviews starting on February 5, 2024. No interview offers may be made before this date.

Interviews may be conducted starting on February 29, 2024. All interviews must be completed by June 29, 2024.

[Read More About Interviews ›](#)

3 Each program must submit a Rank Order List of applicant choices by July 8, 2024.

- All Rank Order Lists are submitted online in the NMS Match System. The NMS Match System opens for the entry of rankings on June 10, 2024.

[View the Rankings User Guide ›](#)

- A separate Rank Order List must be submitted for each track offered by your program in the SSO Breast Match.
- If a track will not offer any positions for the 2025-2026 fellowship academic year, it must be withdrawn from the Match. If withdrawing a track will decrease the number of positions your program is offering in the 2025-2026 fellowship academic year, you must get approval from SSO for the decrease prior to withdrawing.

[Read More About Withdrawing a Track or Program ›](#)

- Rank all acceptable applicants in order of your true preferences, without considering how you expect to be ranked by any applicant.

[Read More About Rankings ›](#)

4 The SSO Breast Match results will be available on July 15, 2024.

- The SSO Breast Match results will be sent to programs and applicants by email and will be available online in the NMS Match System.

[Learn More About the Results of the SSO Breast Match ›](#)

- Programs with unfilled positions after the Match may participate in the Post-Match Process to fill those positions.

[Learn More About the Post-Match Process ›](#)

Consult the [SSO Breast Match website](#) or [contact NMS](#) if you have questions about the Match.