

FORENSIC PATHOLOGY MATCH 2023

NAME-NRMP



Resident Survey Results

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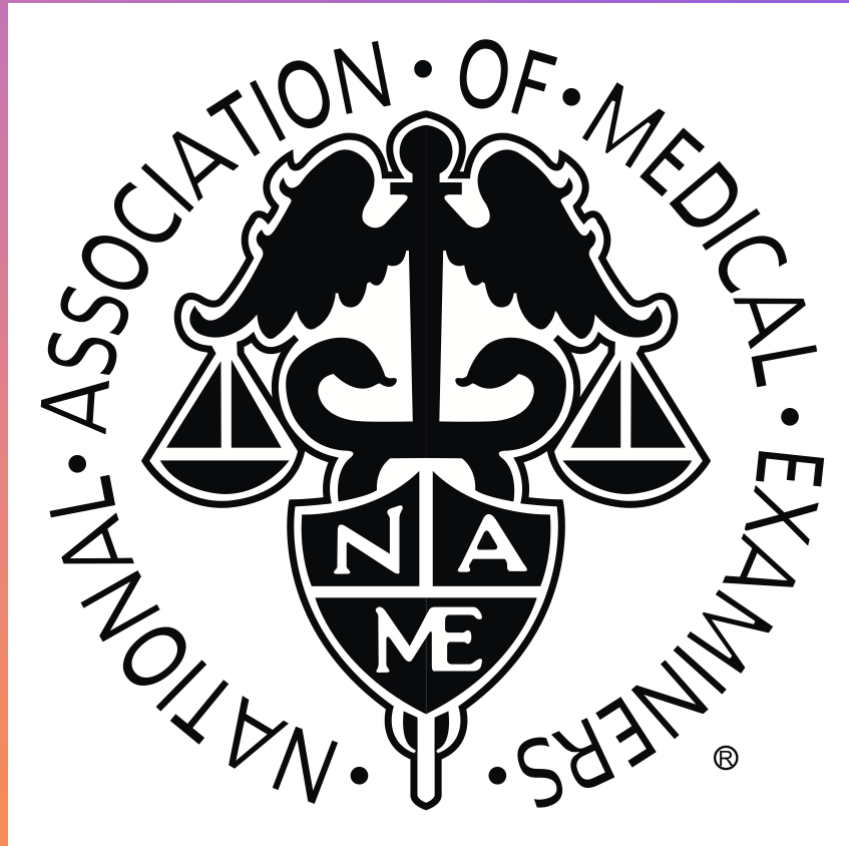
2023 MATCH



First Match Day – May 3, 2023
Positions for Academic Year 2024 – 2025
Programs agreed to go “All-In” and
Registered all spots in the Match

MATCH OUTCOME

Participating programs	40 programs
Participating positions	70 positions
2023 Match Outcome	
• Program Fill Rate	50% of programs; 64% of positions
• Applicants in the 2023 Match	47
• Matched Applicants	45
• Unfilled Fellowship Spots	25



SURVEY⁴ DESIGN

Qualtrics Survey

Questions built by NAME /
Program Directors

Demographic information

Decision making survey

Satisfaction assessment

Free text for comments

10 minutes



Survey Response Rate

47 residents enrolled in
match

45 matched; 2 unmatched

29 respondents to survey
(61%)



Applicant Demographics

- Age 21 – 39 (99%)
- Male 12; Female 12; Non-Binary 1
- 90% White or Caucasian, Non-Hispanic
- MD 10; DO 7; International Medical 7
- 66% AP/CP; 34% AP-only
- 16% will have completed another fellowship
 - Neuropath 2
 - Pediatrics 1

Applicant History

When did you decide to pursue a career in FP?

- Medical school **8**
 - Year 1 1
 - Year 2 1
 - Year 3 2
 - Year 4 4
- Residency **8**
 - PGY 1 1
 - PGY 2 6
 - PGY 3 1
- High School **4**
- College **2**
- Graduate (non-medical school) degree **1**
- Elementary School **1**

Survey of 2023 Applicants

- How many programs interviewed you?

1	3
2-4	9
5-8	9
9-12	3
>12	1

Survey of 2023 Applicants

- How were the interviews conducted?

In-person	3
Virtual	7
In-person and virtual	15
- 2/17 received an interview travel stipend

Survey of 2023 Applicants

- How many Forensic Fellowship programs did you rank?

1	2
2-4	10
5-8	9
9-12	3
>12	1

Match Outcomes

Did you Match in the same state as:

-Residency Program –	40%
-Medical School –	8%
-Office you rotated at –	48%
-State with family –	40%

79% selected a program in a location where they hope to stay to live and work

In deciding how to rank a program, scale of 1 (not important) to 5 (most important), how important were the following:(4-5):

-Quality of Faculty	24
-Reputation of Office	23
-Stability of Office	23
-Geography	20
-Availability of Court	20
-Structure of Curriculum	19
-Opportunities for Mentorship	17
-Salary of Fellows	16
-Program Director	15
-Average Number of cases / day	15

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Continued, Other Important Factors (scored 4-5)

- Number of fellows 14
- Post training job opportunities at office 14
- Spouse/significant other influence 13
- Talking with current/recent fellows 13
- Number of faculty 12
- Average number of homicides 11
- Availability of conference stipend 10
- Supplies (i.e., laptop, book fund) 10

Continued, Other Important Factors (scored 4-5)

- Diversity of faculty 10
- Opportunities for research 9
- Cost of living 9
- Interview process 8
- Availability of rotations at other sites 5
- Availability of a private office 5
- Offers Fellow In-Service Exam (FISE) 3
- Diversity of fellows 3

Other Important Factors



Regarding the geographic location of your fellowship program, what was important (select all that apply)?

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| ▪ A location where I hope to stay to live and work | 14 |
| ▪ Close to family (i.e., within 100 miles) | 7 |
| ▪ Near my significant other's home/work location | 7 |
| ▪ Close to your residency (i.e., within 100 miles) | 6 |

SATISFACTION RESULTS



Survey of 2023: Residents

Do you think the Match is fairer than not having a Match?

Definitely yes	6	80%
Probably yes	13	
Might or might not	4	
Probably not	1	
Definitely not	1	

Survey of 2023 Residents

Do you believe the Match made forensic pathology fellowship program selection less stressful than fielding multiple offers from different offices?

Definitely yes	5
Probably yes	4
Might or might not	5
Probably not	6
Definitely not	5

Satisfaction with Match: Residents

Are you satisfied with the Match Outcome

- Definitely “yes” = 96%

Would you prefer to use a central application / ERAS?

- yes = 92%

Would you like to also have a set schedule of deadlines?

- yes = 96%

Survey of FP Program Directors

36 of 40 Respondents

8 State Programs

28 City/County Programs

SALARY FOR EACH FP FELLOWSHIP POSITION?

Less than \$49,999	0
\$50,000-\$74,999	10
\$75,000-\$99,999	11
\$100,000-\$149,999	13
\$150,000 or more	2

SPECIFIC TOPICS: PROGRAM DIRECTORS

- All 36 programs participate in the FISE
- 35 of 36 programs offer the opportunity to do research
- Currently, 88% of programs have opportunities for potential employment at their office after the fellow completes training.
- 80% would you like a centralized application such as the Electronic Residency Application service (ERAS)?
- 70% would you like to have a set schedule of deadlines for applications and interviews.

APPLICANTS

For the 2023 - 2024 academic year (Pre-Match),
applications received:

1-25 Applicants (Avg 5.6)

For the 2024 - 2025 academic year (Match year),
applications received:

0-25 Applicants (avg 8.62)

FOR THE 2024 - 2025 MATCH YEAR, HOW MANY APPLICANTS DID YOU INTERVIEW?

One	1
2-4	7
5-8	11
9-12	7
>12	6

FOR THE 2024 - 2025 MATCH YEAR, HOW WERE THE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED?

In-person	9
Virtual	14
Both in-person and virtual	11



FOR THE 2024 - 2025 MATCH YEAR, HOW MANY APPLICANTS DID YOU RANK?

One	1
2-4	9
5-8	13
9-12	7
>12	3

Survey of 2023 Program Directors

Do you think the Match is fairer than not having a Match?

Definitely yes	14	71%
Probably yes	10	
Might or might not	6	
Probably not	2	
Definitely not	2	

Survey of 2023 Program Directors

Are you satisfied with the Match Outcome?

Definitely yes	10	71%
Probably yes	14	
Might or might not	5	
Probably not	4	
Definitely not	1	

Proposals

- Uniform Timeline
- Standard application process (ERAS?) and “interview season.”
- Fellowship program fair at NAME meeting
- Interview Guidelines (ACGME)
- Association Pathology Chairs: Combined subspecialty fellowship match?

NAME WEBSITE

The screenshot displays the homepage of the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME). At the top left is the organization's logo, which includes a scale of justice and the text 'NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS' and 'NAME'. To the right of the logo are buttons for 'Member Logout' and a search bar labeled 'Search our site...'. Below this is a horizontal navigation menu with items: Home, About Us, Membership, Meetings, Inspection/Accreditation, Resources, Education, and Public Information. The 'Education' menu is expanded, showing a list of options: Educational Activities Committee, Child Death Investigations, Death Certification, Medical Student Webinars, Forensic Pathology Fellowships, NAME Teaching Assets Project, Organ Donation and Death Investigation Webinars, Training Programs, Forensic Pathology Fellowship Match, NAME Strategic Plan 2023, NAME Annual Meeting, NAME Medical Student Webinars, NAME International Relations, and Dues Renewal. The main content area features a large group photograph of diverse individuals. Below the photo is a red arrow pointing to the 'About NAME' section. The text in this section reads: 'Welcome to the National Association of Medical Examiners!' followed by 'About NAME' and a paragraph: 'The NAME is the premier professional organization for medical examiners, forensic pathologists, and medicolegal affiliates and administrators. Since its founding in 1966 NAME has been committed to:'. A bullet point below states: 'Providing leadership and advocacy for best practices and excellence in forensic pathology and death'. At the bottom of the page, a Windows taskbar is visible with various application icons.



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	Program Name/Specialty	State	City/Town:	Unfilled Positions for 2024-2025	Participating in 2025 - 2026 Match	Number of Spots in 2025 - 2026 Match	Numb Fellows - 20	
Heersink School of Medicine-Department of Pathology	University of Alabama Medical Center Program	AL	Birmingham	No	YES	1		
Arkansas Fellowship Program	Arkansas State Crime Laboratory	AR	Little Rock	1	YES	2		
Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner	University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix Program	AZ	Phoenix	No	YES	2		
Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner	University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson Program	AZ	Tucson	No	YES	1		
Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner	University of Southern	CA	Los Angeles		YES	3		

Total FP Programs

- Total of 49 FP Fellowship Programs
- Total 84 FP Fellowship Positions

MATCH 2024

The dates for the 2024 Forensic Pathology Fellowship Match for 2025 appointments are:

- Match Opens February 7, 2024
- Ranking Opens March 20, 2024
- Quota Deadline April 3, 2024
- Ranking Closes April 17, 2024
- Match Day May 1, 2024

