

Independent IR residency match tips for diagnostic radiology programs

Basic independent IR residency match information

- There is only one match for the independent IR residency. The independent residency is part of the [ERAS ACGME/RCPSC/UCNS Fellowship - December cycle](#) and the NRMP Radiology Fellowship match within the [NRMP Specialties Match Program \(SMS®\)](#).
- ERAS and NRMP classify the independent IR residency as a fellowship for match purposes.
- APDIR requested that all independent IR residency program members use only one match number for the 2019 independent match.
- Based on an APDIR survey, most programs will be reviewing applications from both ESIR and non-ESIR candidates. They will interview/rank candidates based on application quality and not whether candidates will train as an independent IR resident for 1 or 2 years.
- Independent programs will list separate “ESIR Applicant” and/or “Non-ESIR Applicant” tracks in their ERAS program listings depending on which type of applicants they will consider. (see image below).

Program A	
Training Name	Training Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-ESIR Applicant	Fellowship
<input type="checkbox"/> ESIR Applicant	Fellowship

Program B	
Training Name	Training Type
<input type="checkbox"/> ESIR Applicant	Fellowship

Recommendations for independent IR residency applicants

- It is recommended that independent IR residency ESIR applicants include a paragraph in their personal statement describing their expected ESIR experience. This paragraph should include the following information:
 - A statement that you are selected for ESIR
 - Your expected number of procedures, including a brief description of procedure mix
 - The IR related rotations you expect to complete.
- Some independent programs may require ESIR applicants to submit ESIR verification documents. These documents cannot be uploaded into ERAS; **applicants will have to submit them directly to programs outside the ERAS system**. Independent programs will be updating their ERAS program listings between now and November 21st to add instructions on what ESIR verification documents they require; when applicants should submit ESIR verification documents; and how they should be submitted. ESIR applicants should make sure to check the program listings for the programs to which they are applying to get ESIR verification document instructions. Verification documents include:

- Diagnostic radiology program director letter verifying acceptance into ESIR
- Training block diagrams for the R1-R4 years

For more information on the independent IR residency, please visit the [SIR independent IR residency match webpage](#).

FAQs addressing the IR residency can be found [here](#).

You can also view an [APDIR webinar: Independent IR residency & ESIR](#).

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