

MSSCE & RREMS Frequently Asked Questions

1. **I am attending medical school in a country other than the United States. Can I participate in the summer externship programs?** At this time, only students who are enrolled in an accredited medical school in the United States are eligible to participate in the MSSCE and RREMS programs.
2. **What should I include in my MSSCE application materials to increase my chances of being placed at a site for the summer?** The students who are successful have a compelling personal statement, record of leadership and commitment demonstrated on their c.v., strong letters of recommendations, and strong MCAT scores and undergraduate grades.
3. **Who should write my letter of recommendation?** The letter of recommendation should be from someone who knows you well and can speak to your strengths. Ask the person who will write you the strongest letter of recommendation and increase the quality of your application. This can be someone at your current school, previous school or a previous internship. It should not be the mentor you hope to work with over the summer unless you have a previous relationship with them through a class or internship.
4. **How should my letter of recommendation be submitted?** The letter should be submitted as a PDF file as part of the online application process along with the other items requested as part of the application. If the person providing your recommendation will not send you the recommendation, please contact the AAP office to make alternate arrangements. All letters must be received by the application deadline.
5. **What are the start and end dates for the programs?** The start and end dates are flexible and are set by you and your mentor once you have been accepted into the MSSCE program or your proposal has been funded for the RREMS program. We like to be flexible to accommodate the different start and end times of summer breaks. The only requirement is that you must plan to spend eight (8) consecutive weeks at your site.