

2022 R-1 match applicant fees

For the 2022 R-1 Main Residency Match, program application fees will be charged for each **program discipline** an applicant applies to at a university (university + discipline), rather than for each **program site** (university + discipline + training site) as has been the case in previous years. This change means that applicants wishing to apply to multiple training sites within the same program discipline at a given university will no longer have to pay additional fees to do so, resulting in greater financial equity for applicants regardless of their chosen career path.

The new fee model was developed in consultation with and endorsed by the organizations representing Canada's medical students and residents—the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS), Resident Doctors of Canada (RDoC), *Fédération Médicale Étudiante du Québec* (FMEQ) and *Fédération des médecins résidents du Québec* (FMRQ).

Why has this change been made?

Equity and fairness are guiding principles of the Match, and CaRMS is committed to working closely with our clients and stakeholders to ensure these values are reflected in the services we provide. The medical education environment has changed significantly over the past several years with the growth of distributed training sites for Family Medicine and a small number of other disciplines. Nationally, the number of Family Medicine training sites alone has increased by 31.5% since 2013. For example, in 2013 an applicant wanting to access all available Family Medicine opportunities at the University of Montreal could do so by submitting seven applications. In 2021, it would require 18 applications.

As applicants have traditionally paid a program application fee for each program site they applied to, this growth has meant that in order to access all available opportunities, applicants to multi-site programs have had to pay considerably more than applicants to single-site programs.

What made sense before the proliferation of distributed training sites simply doesn't make sense now. By linking the program application fee to a program discipline at a university rather than to a distinct program site, we are returning to a more equitable cost distribution. It ensures financial equity for all applicants regardless of their chosen career path, while not placing any limits on their freedom to apply to their choice of training sites. This will improve access to opportunities within Family Medicine, the largest training discipline, as the choice to apply to programs with multiple sites will not be constrained by cost. It will also allow universities to continue to offer distributed training sites without putting financial strain on applicants wishing to apply to multiple locations.

What do applicants pay under the new model?

As a non-profit organization, CaRMS determines our fees with the objective of cost recovery—meaning the fees we charge correspond to the cost of sustainably providing our services. When calculating the new fee model, we needed to ensure cost recovery while also doing our best to keep costs to the average applicant stable. The new model will result in a significant decrease in the number of program application fees paid by the average applicant (from 20-25 to 10-12). Accordingly, the fee amount was changed in order to meet the necessary objective of cost recovery. The number of program applications included in the match participation fee was also changed to reflect the new model. The 2022 R-1 match participation fee is \$296.84, and includes application to four programs. The cost per program application over and above the first four is \$55.00.

2021 match fee structure (university + discipline + site)		2022 match fee structure (university + discipline)	
Match participation fee	Program application fee	Match participation fee	Program application fee
\$302.89 (including nine program applications)	\$31.00 (per additional program application)	\$296.84 (including four program applications)	\$55.00 (per additional program application)

See the new fee structure in action!

An applicant is interested in training in Family Medicine. Western Canada is their preferred area, so they apply to all Family Medicine opportunities at the University of British Columbia, the University of Alberta, and the University of Calgary.



Match participation fee (incl. 9 program applications) **\$302.89**

+

18 additional program application fees (\$31 x 18) **\$558**

Previously, applying to these 27 training sites would have cost this applicant

\$860.89



Match participation fee (incl. 4 program applications) **\$296.84**

+

NO additional program fees

Under the new fee model, applying to these same 27 training sites will cost

\$296.84



Under the new fee structure, the program application fee is charged only once per program discipline at each school, so all 27 training sites at the three schools are covered by the four applications included in the match participation fee — and the applicant still has one credit left to apply elsewhere.



Questions?

We're happy to help. Contact us at help@carms.ca.

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