

2025-26 Residency Interview Season Information

UW Department of Anesthesiology

Thank you for your interest in the University of Wisconsin Department of Anesthesiology! This information will help you understand our interview process and plan your experience with us.

Our interview process consists of three components. You will need to sign up separately for all three:

1. **Interview Day**
2. **Optional Social Hour with Residents:** These are not tied to specific interview days; you can sign up for any available session.
3. **Optional Meet and Greet with Department Chair Dr. Kelly McQueen:** These are also not tied to specific interview days; you can choose any available session.
4. **Optional Second Look Event:** We're hosting four Second Look events in February for applicants interested in exploring Madison and getting to know our residents better. Attendance will have no impact on ranking.

We conduct all our interviews virtually via Thalamus. For our Social Hours and Chair Meet and Greets, we use Zoom or Webex.

Interview Dates and Invite Process:

- We conduct interviews in November, December, and January, with a total of 168 interview slots. Each interview day has three sessions, each with four applicants.
- Applicants will interview with the Program Director (Dr. Eric Simon), an Associate Program Director (Dr. Anna Frackman, Dr. Pat Meyer, or Dr. Sabrina Sam), a chief resident (Dr. Elise Dassow or Dr. Tyler Engel), another faculty member, and another resident (both TBA).
- Invitations will be sent on a rolling basis starting October 3, 2025, until all slots are filled. We won't over-invite, so rest assured that interview slots will be available regardless of when you receive your invite.

November 2025	
Monday	11/3/2025
Monday	11/10/2025
Thursday	11/13/2025
Monday	11/17/2025
Thursday	11/20/2025
Monday	11/24/2025

December 2025	
Monday	12/1/2025
Monday	12/8/2025
Thursday	12/11/2025
Monday	12/15/2025
Thursday	12/18/2025
Monday	12/22/2025

January 2026	
Monday	1/5/2026
Thursday	1/8/2026
Monday	1/12/2026*
Thursday	1/15/2026*

*if necessary

Interview Day Schedules:

On each interview day we have **three interview sessions of 4 applicants each**. Interview times for each session are below (you only need to sign up for 1 session):

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
7:50 AM – 9:40 AM	9:40 AM – 11:30 AM	11:50 AM – 1:30 PM

A session schedule is also included to give you an idea of the flow:

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Introduction					
07:50 am	Intro and Coordinator Session				
Interviews					
	Prog Dir	Assoc. Prog Dir	Faculty	Chief Resident	Resident
08:00 - 08:20 am	Applicant A	Applicant B	Applicant C	Applicant D	BREAK
08:20 - 08:40 am	Applicant C	Applicant D	Applicant B	BREAK	Applicant A
08:40 - 09:00 am	BREAK	Applicant C	Applicant D	Applicant A	Applicant B
09:00 - 09:20 am	Applicant B	Applicant A	BREAK	Applicant C	Applicant D
09:20 – 9:40 am	Applicant D	BREAK	Applicant A	Applicant B	Applicant C

Social Hour with Residents:

We offer optional, informal social hours with our current residents via Zoom/Webex. These residents-only sessions are separate from interview days, and you can choose one that fits your schedule. After receiving an interview invite, you can sign up in Thalamus. Social Hour dates and times for this interview season are listed below:

Date	Time
10/28/25	6:30pm – 8:00pm CDT
11/18/25	6:30pm – 8:00pm CST
12/10/25	6:30pm – 8:00pm CST
1/7/26	6:30pm – 8:00pm CST

Department Chair Meet and Greet:

Dr. Kelly McQueen will be on hand to talk to you about her vision for the department and residency education, and to answer any of your questions. Like the Social Hours, these are held on Zoom/Webex, and are separate from your interview day. **You can sign up for any session that works for you in Thalamus.** Chair Meet and Greet dates and times are:

Date	Time
11/6/25	2:00-3:00 pm CST
11/20/25	12:30-1:30 pm CST
12/4/25	3:00-4:00 pm CST
1/6/26	11:00-12:00 pm CST

Second Look Events:

We're hosting four Second Look events for applicants interested in exploring Madison and getting to know our residents better. Participation is voluntary and won't offer an advantage in your ranking. The itinerary includes lunch, a hospital tour, a hands-on activity with residents and faculty, free time, and dinner with residents at a local venue. A complimentary one-night hotel stay near the hospital is provided, and significant others are welcome. Sign-ups will be available on Thalamus starting in December. Event dates and times are listed below:

Date	Time
1/22/26	1:00 pm – 8:30 pm CST
1/29/26	1:00 pm – 8:30 pm CST

2/5/26	1:00 pm – 8:30 pm CST
2/9/26	1:00 pm – 8:30 pm CST

Intern Orientation:

Formal orientation begins on Monday, June 15, 2026. We've also reserved June 11 and 12 for an optional onsite ACLS course, since certification is required for our program. Please ensure you are moved to Madison and ready to start on-site by June 15, 2026. Your first day on service will be Wednesday, June 24, 2026, but this is **not** your start date.

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