



Eligibility and Membership Requirements

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Third-year medical student or research fellow in good standing who will be completing sub-internships in **summer 2027** and applying during the **2027-2028 Match Cycle**.
- **Students planning a research year in 2027-28 are not eligible**, as this course is specifically designed to prepare participants for sub-internships and the immediate application process.

Do I have to be a Garnes Society member to apply?

No. PREP is open to all medical students applying to plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Can international students apply?

Students or research fellows may apply as long as they are able to **fully** attend the program from February 4th-5th at the 2027 ACEPS conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Applicants are responsible for obtaining any necessary visas or travel documentation.

Can I re-apply if I have applied to PREP before?

Yes. Previous applicants are welcome to apply again as long as they meet the application requirements.

Can I apply if I was previously selected to attend PREP?

No. At this time, we would like to help as many students/residents as possible participate in PREP; thus, we are not accepting applications from prior PREP attendees.

Application Requirements

What does the application require?

Applicants must submit:

- Written essays
- A current curriculum vitae

Is there an interview component?

No. Applicants will be evaluated based on their complete application and their ability to benefit the most from the program.

Applicant Selection and Funding

How many students will be selected to attend PREP programming?

- The number of applicants accepted will be determined based on funding and the number of qualified applicants.

Will students receive a scholarship/funding to attend PREP programming?

No. Applicants should anticipate being responsible for expenses (travel, lodging, food, etc.). Updates will be provided if funding opportunities develop.

PREP Requirements

What is required of selected PREP attendees?

Selected attendees must:

- Attend February 4th-5th, 2027, programming in Salt Lake City, Utah
- Submit a written or video testimony about your PREP experience
- Represent PREP professionally throughout the conference

PREP, the Barnes Society, and ACEPS may retain and share scholars' reflections on their website, social media, or other platforms.

Important Dates and Event Information

When and where is PREP 2027?

PREP 2027 will take place in **Salt Lake City, Utah, from February 4–5th, 2027.**

Thursday, February 4, 2027 | 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, February 5, 2027 | 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Will I get entry into the ACEPS annual conference as a PREP attendee?

No. If you would like to attend the ACEPS meeting, you will have to coordinate your entry fee and stay. This event will take place immediately before the ACEPS Annual Meeting, which begins Friday, February 5th, 2027, in Salt Lake City, Utah. More details are available here: <https://aceplasticsurgeons.org/Meeting/>

What sessions will be available during the PREP program?

Fundamental lectures, case review, and insights from current residents and attendings on how to prepare for sub-internships, and skills practice.

When is the application due?

Applications are due **September 30th, 2026 at 11:59 pm PST**. Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.

When will applicants be notified?

Applicants will be notified by email after the PREP Committee completes its review. The anticipated notification date should be added once finalized.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions, please contact us via email: fellowprep@gmail.com