



Dear Medical School Administrator,

At the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians Resident and Student Organization (ACOEP-RSO), we are deeply committed to supporting and investing in the future of our specialty through informed and inclusive mentorship. For many medical students, access to Emergency Medicine (EM)-focused mentorship opportunities is limited or unavailable close to home. That is why we strive to provide world-class opportunities for students at our biannual conferences.

Our conference environment stands apart from most other EM organizations. With a smaller scale and typically lower attendance, our events offer students the unique chance for one-on-one time with industry leaders—opportunities that would be difficult to replicate elsewhere. Additionally, the more intimate setting allows for personal attention to be devoted to honing each student’s leadership skills, which often leads to national leadership roles for many participants. Just ask any of us how we earned our positions!

Unfortunately, when we survey EM-bound medical students, one recurring barrier to conference attendance stands out: the difficulty of obtaining approval for time off from school. We understand that time constraints during all years of medical school are tight, and securing 3–4 days off for travel and conference attendance—especially during the crucial third year—can be particularly challenging. However, we strongly believe that attending a conference during the second or third year is one of the most important steps a student can take to match at the program of their dreams. For many of us on the ACOEP-RSO board, Match season felt like “easy mode” because of the relationships we built through our involvement in this organization. Those connections yielded interview invitations and even personal recommendations on our behalf.

If you’re reading this letter, we want to congratulate you on having a motivated and industrious future EM physician under your guidance. Your student is taking proactive steps to invest in their future by attending our upcoming conference. We hope this letter provides a clear picture of the opportunities awaiting them, but if you need more specifics, here’s a list of our typical conference offerings:

- Leadership Academy featuring both didactic and hands-on simulation sessions
- World-class lectures from internationally renowned speakers
- Podcast opportunities
- High-fidelity simulation sessions
- One-on-one and small group mentoring
- CV and personal statement reviews
- Residency speed dating and fair

The landscape of the EM Match is constantly evolving, and we believe our cohort of students and residents is uniquely positioned to provide the best guidance to help EM-bound students successfully match with their dream program. Should you have any questions, our Director of Student Affairs is available at DOSA.ACOEP.RSO@acoep.org.

Sincerely,

The ACOEP-RSO Executive Board