
A new process will be trialled for the selection of infectious diseases trainees in Victoria in 2009 for 2010. The process will be administered through the RACP along the lines of other specialty programmes such as gastroenterology. The details of the process and an access point for applications will be available through the RACP website (via MyTraining) in late June or early July. (www.racp.edu.au/).

The selection process will be in two parts 1. A first round, to be held in late July, will be open to all current ID trainees (i.e. those who have received, or are eligible to receive, RACP ID SAC accreditation for at least one year of training in 2009). 2. The second round, to be held in mid/late August after release of the clinical examination results, will be open to all potential new entrants as well as individuals unmatched in the first round. All applications will be made through the College website which will act as a central repository for curriculum vitae, job applications and job descriptions.

The first round will be facilitated by the RACP holding a list of applicants and their electronic CVs. Heads of Department will be able to access trainee CVs and references online and the college will provide a list of the institutions that each trainee has applied for to the institutions.

It is not currently envisaged that the first round will utilise electronic matching, but will take place by phone offer on July 31st. This is a similar process to that undertaken in previous years. A meeting of heads of units will be held earlier that week on order to coordinate this process. After positions have been allocated, unmatched individuals will be notified of any unmatched jobs.

It is open to all hospitals to retain current trainees and withdraw them and their jobs from the process prior to July 31st.

The second stage will be fully electronic, including matching administered by the College. The second round will be open to all first year applicants and any remaining applicants from the first round. It is important to note that trainees unmatched in the first round will need to re-register for this round. Applications will close at 5PM August 17th, preferences by midnight August 27th and the match will take place on August 28th. The results of the match are sent to the statewide co-ordinator who then communicates them with heads of units. Institutions will be able to access all candidates CVs electronically and will be able to see a list of all applicants from which they may preference all or a fraction of the total candidates.