

CT Surgery Interview Dates

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Information is presented as provided by each program – please contact individual programs for further information.

BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Brigham and Women's Hospital CT Surgery Residency Program

Traditional/Independent 2-year program

BOSTON, MA

<https://www.brighamandwomens.org/surgery/for-medical-professionals/cardi thoracic-surgery-residency>

The Brigham and Women's Hospital/Boston Children's Hospital two-year thoracic surgery residency program prepares physicians for certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS). In addition to the accredited residency programs, we also have several positions for clinical and research fellows.

The residents' experience in this program includes preoperative, operative and postoperative care of all patients assigned to them. Caseloads for residents applying for ABTS certification have averaged greater than 90% above minimal requirements for all case designations.

Academic guidance in the operating rooms, ambulatory area, teaching conferences and research facilities is provided by attending surgeons, all of whom hold full-time teaching appointments at Harvard Medical School.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-04-04

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BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT EAST CAROLINA UNIV./ ECU HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER

Thoracic Surgery Residency

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

GREENVILLE

Virtual

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-11

2026-03-04

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CLEVELAND CLINIC

Thoracic Surgery Integrated

Integrated 6-year program

CLEVELAND, OH

Dinner the evening before interview day at Intercontinental. Interview day starts around 7am with welcome introduction speakers. Interviews start at 8am. Candidates expected to be able to stay the entire day at Cleveland Clinic main campus.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-15

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COREWELL HEALTH - GRAND RAPIDS

Corewell Health – Grand Rapids/Michigan State University Thoracic Surgery Fellowship program

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

<https://corewellhealth.org/graduate-medical-education/west-michigan/fellowships/thoracic-surgery>

Our program will hold two, half-day virtual interviews for applicants. Each applicant will be able to select their preferred date based on a first come, first serve basis. There are no additional time commitments outside of the one half-day interview.

The curriculum of the cardiothoracic surgery fellowship training program is designed to meet the goals delineated by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and prepares our physicians for certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. The 24-month core curriculum gives exposure to the essential rotations in cardiothoracic surgery. More details can be found on our fellowship website.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-28

2026-02-25

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DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Duke University

Integrated 6-year program

DURHAM, NC

<https://surgery.duke.edu/education-and-training/residency-programs/integrated-thoracic-surgery-residency-program>

The Duke University Division of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery has trained the nation's leaders in academic cardiovascular and thoracic surgery by immersing them in a dynamic clinical, teaching, and research enterprise. We are pleased to offer a six-year Integrated Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency Program, leading to eligibility for certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

Residents in the Integrated Thoracic Surgery Residency Program will gain experience in general and vascular surgery, critical care, cardiac anesthesia and catheterization, and cardiac and thoracic surgery.

Interviews will be held in-person only at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. Details will be provided to each interview candidate with their scheduled date.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-07

2026-01-21

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DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Duke University

Traditional/Independent 3-year program

DURHAM

<https://surgery.duke.edu/education-and-training/residency-programs/traditional-cardiothoracic-surgery-residency>

The training programs in cardiothoracic surgery at Duke University Medical Center are designed to develop academic cardiothoracic surgeons. We offer a traditional training program and have recently been approved by the ACGME to offer an integrated program.

At the completion of the program, residents will demonstrate proficiency in all clinical aspects of cardiothoracic surgery and will have extensive experience and training in clinical research.

Interviews will be held in-person only at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. Details will be provided to each interview candidate with their scheduled date.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-03-04

2026-03-18

2026-03-25

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EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Thoracic Surgery - Integrated Residency

Integrated 6-year program

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

<https://med.emory.edu/departments/surgery/education/cardiothoracic-surgery-residencies-fellowship/residencies/integrated-six-year-residency.html>

Residents in the Integrated Thoracic Surgery Residency Program of the Emory University School of Medicine receive early exposure to cardiothoracic surgery, train in the fundamental concepts of general surgery, experience diagnostic and interventional cardiology, and train in pulmonary and critical care.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-08

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EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Thoracic Surgery

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

ATLANTA, GA

<https://med.emory.edu/departments/surgery/education/cardiothoracic-surgery-residencies-fellowship/residencies/independent-three-year-residency.html>

"The Independent Three-Year Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency of the Emory University School of Medicine is ACGME accredited and emphasizes preoperative and postoperative care of the cardiac and thoracic surgical patient and training in the management of congenital, acquired, traumatic, and neoplastic diseases of the thorax."

Interviews for both dates, will be held in-person at Emory University (1365 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30322; 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-21

2026-03-14

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HOSPITAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Thoracic Surgery

Integrated 6-year program

PHILADELPHIA, PA

<https://www3.penncardiac.org/departments-and-centers/department-of-surgery/education-and-training/residencies/cardiThoracic-residency>

Cardiothoracic Surgery Integrated Residency (i6)

Message from Chase R. Brown, MD, Program Director

At Penn, we are proud to offer one of the nation's premier cardiothoracic surgery training programs. Our residents receive rigorous, comprehensive training across the full spectrum of heart, aortic, and thoracic disease. Graduates are well prepared to perform complex procedures, including coronary bypass, valve repair and replacement, aortic surgery, transplantation, mechanical circulatory support, and hybrid interventions.

Our program is built on strong camaraderie, teamwork, and a supportive learning environment. Faculty are deeply committed to resident growth and take pride in developing future leaders in cardiothoracic surgery. We maintain high standards in both patient care and surgical education and remain dedicated to advancing the field.

The Divisions of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at Penn offer multiple training pathways: a two-year Cardiac Track, a two-year Cardiothoracic Track, and a six- to eight-year Integrated Thoracic Surgery (i6) Track. All programs are fully accredited by the ACGME Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery. Graduates are eligible for certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

Advanced fellowship opportunities are available in General Thoracic Surgery, Adult Cardiac Surgery, Cardiopulmonary Transplantation, and Congenital Heart Surgery. Residents in the Integrated program are expected to complete an additional fellowship year to further refine their expertise.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-10

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HOSPITAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Thoracic Surgery

Traditional/Independent 2-year program

PHILADELPHIA, PA

<https://www3.pennmedicine.org/departments-and-centers/department-of-surgery/education-and-training/fellowships/thoracic-surgery-fellowship-cardiac-track>

Thoracic Surgery Fellowship – Cardiac Track

Message from Chase R. Brown, MD, Program Director

At Penn, we are proud to offer one of the nation’s leading cardiothoracic surgery training programs. Our fellows receive rigorous, comprehensive training across the full spectrum of cardiac, aortic, and thoracic disease. Graduates leave fully prepared to perform complex procedures such as coronary bypass, valve repair and replacement, aortic surgery, transplant, mechanical circulatory support, and hybrid interventions.

Our program is known for its strong sense of community and collaboration. Faculty are deeply committed to teaching and mentoring, and we take pride in watching our trainees grow into leaders in the field. We remain dedicated to excellence in patient care, surgical education, and innovation.

The Cardiac Track is a focused, two-year clinical fellowship for graduates of general surgery programs. Fellows primarily train in adult cardiac surgery, with additional rotations in thoracic and congenital surgery in accordance with ABTS requirements. Graduates can expect proficiency in all major areas of adult cardiac surgery. Many choose to pursue an optional 6–12 month advanced focus in areas such as valve repair, aortic surgery, transplant, or mechanical support.

Training occurs across three institutions: the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Cardiac track fellows train alongside our integrated residents as part of one unified program.

Penn performs nearly 5,000 pump cases annually, along with high volumes of TAVR, endovascular procedures, and ECMO. Fellows take in-house call and participate in the full range of adult cardiac surgery, with operative responsibility appropriate to their level of training.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-03-21

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HOSPITAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Thoracic Surgery (Thoracic Track)

Traditional/Independent 2-year program

PHILADELPHIA, PA

<https://www3.pennmedicine.org/departments-and-centers/department-of-surgery/education-and-training/fellowships/thoracic-surgery-fellowship-thoracic-track>

Narrative Description – Thoracic Surgery Fellowship (Thoracic Track)

The Thoracic Surgery Fellowship – Thoracic Track at the University of Pennsylvania offers a rigorous and comprehensive training experience grounded in Penn’s long-standing tradition of excellence in surgical education. The program provides exposure to the full range of General Thoracic Surgery, including minimally invasive approaches, complex foregut surgery, and tracheal procedures. Fellows complete 12 months of dedicated General Thoracic Surgery training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), ensuring high-volume operative experience. An additional 3 months of cardiac surgery at Penn-affiliated teaching hospitals offers essential complementary training.

The educational structure includes weekly didactic sessions covering the complete Thoracic Surgery curriculum required by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, along with case discussions, multidisciplinary conferences, and close faculty mentorship. The program fosters a collaborative and supportive training environment, strengthened by strong camaraderie among fellows, integrated residents, and Advanced Practice Providers.

Our mission is to prepare fellows to become skilled, confident, and compassionate thoracic surgeons who will go on to lead in clinical practice, education, and research. At Penn, trainees join a legacy defined by innovation, excellence, and deep commitment to patient care.

Interview Format and Location

Interview Date: February 28, 2026

Format: In-person

Location: Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), Philadelphia, PA

The interview day will be conducted on-site, including a program overview, individual interviews with faculty, a tour of clinical areas, and opportunities to meet current fellows and residents. This format allows applicants to experience Penn’s surgical training environment firsthand.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-28

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HOUSTON METHODIST HOSPITAL

CV Surgery/ Thoracic Surgery

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

HOUSTON, TX

<https://www.houstonmethodist.org/academic-institute/gme/thoracic-surgery-fellowship/>

The Houston Methodist Thoracic Surgery Fellowship is a two-year, ACGME-accredited training program that offers comprehensive rotations in general thoracic surgery, adult cardiac surgery, cardiac transplant, structural heart, congenital heart surgery, and heart failure. The curriculum also includes a dedicated three-month elective in cardiac surgery, allowing fellows to tailor their training based on individual clinical interests and career goals.

Interviews for the program are conducted in person. A welcome social event is held the Thursday evening prior to each interview day, providing an opportunity for applicants to engage with current faculty and fellows. The interview day itself begins at 7:00 a.m. and includes a program orientation, formal interviews, lunch with faculty and staff, and a guided tour of the hospital. The day concludes at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-13

2026-03-20

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency

Integrated 6-year program

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

<https://medicine.iu.edu/surgery/education/residency/cardiothoracic-surgery>

Interviews will be held at our Downtown Indianapolis locations. Details will be provided to each interview candidate with their scheduled date. Please plan on a full day of interviews. If you have any questions, please reach out.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-10

2026-01-07

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LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

Thoracic Surgery - Integrated

Integrated 6-year program

LOMA LINDA, CA

<https://lluh.org/health-professionals/gme/prospective-residents/stipends-benefits>

Virtual Interviews

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-18

2026-01-15

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MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER

Thoracic Surgery Residency Program

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

NEW YORK

<https://www.mskcc.org/hcp-education-training/residencies/thoracic-surgery>

The Thoracic Surgery Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) offers an ACGME accredited two-year thoracic-track cardiothoracic residency program. This program was originally established by Dr. Robert Ginsberg in 1990 with the mission of training future leaders in thoracic surgery, and was one of the first programs in the country to provide a focus on general thoracic surgery. This legacy continues today under the leadership of Dr. David Jones, Chief of Service, and Dr. James Huang, Program Director. The residency includes broad exposure to diseases of the chest, including pulmonary, esophageal, mediastinal, pleural, pericardial, and chest wall pathologies, along with a robust experience in cardiac surgery, including coronary, valvular, aortic, and transcatheter procedures through rotations at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill-Cornell Medical College (NYPH/WCMC). With the volume and breadth of operative cases, the dedication to teaching, and the structured didactic components, this program offers the trainee an intense and unparalleled experience in thoracic surgery. Applicants should have completed general surgery training by the time of matriculation and should be board-eligible or board certified by the American Board of Surgery.

Interview Dates:

March 26, 2026 -Welcome Reception

March 27, 2026 - Interview Day

Interview Format:

In Person

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-03-27

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MONTEFIORE EINSTEIN

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Integrated 6-year program

BRONX, NEW YORK

<https://montefioreeinstein.org/>

The Integrated 6-year program in Cardiothoracic training at Montefiore-Einstein has a well-balanced curriculum with fulfillment of the basic requirements in general surgery, critical care, and vascular surgery along with early exposure to cardiothoracic surgery. The cardiothoracic program provides a comprehensive and broad-based experience in adult cardiac surgery, general thoracic surgery and congenital heart surgery. Particular areas of focus include Heart Transplantation, Ventricular Assist Devices, Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery, transcatheter therapies in the treatment of valvular heart disease, Aortic Surgery, Lung Transplantation and neonatal heart surgery.

A robust didactic curriculum with a focus on mastery of both written and oral Board exam material is also a requirement of the training program. The program is based on an environment of collegiality and strong interdisciplinary relationships exist with heart failure cardiology, interventional cardiology, electrophysiology, anesthesia, critical care and vascular surgery.

Ample opportunities exist for clinical research among all training years.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-05

2026-01-09

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MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

Integrated Cardiothoracic Surgery

Integrated 6-year program

NEW YORK, NY

<http://icahn.mssm.edu/education/residencies-fellowships/list/integrated-thoracic-surgery-residency>

Program Overview:

The goal of the Integrated Cardiothoracic Surgery (I6) Residency Program is to cultivate highly skilled surgeons who excel in both academic and clinical practice. The program provides a rigorous and comprehensive educational experience designed to foster

expertise in the most advanced techniques and innovations within cardiovascular and thoracic surgical care. Through a structured curriculum encompassing both outpatient and inpatient settings, residents acquire the clinical acumen, technical proficiency, and professional maturity required to transition seamlessly into independent practice and leadership roles within the field.

About Mount Sinai:

The Mount Sinai Health System encompasses the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and eight affiliated hospital campuses across the greater New York metropolitan area, supported by an extensive regional ambulatory network. The Mount Sinai Hospital serves as the principal training site, located on Manhattan’s Upper East Side between Central Park and Park Avenue. As a tertiary and quaternary referral center, it provides exposure to a diverse and complex patient population from the Upper East and West Sides, Harlem, and Queens—offering an exceptional environment for advanced surgical education, research, and patient care.

Additional Information:

Interviews will be conducted virtually via Zoom.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-16

2025-12-17

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**NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL / COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IRVING MEDICAL CENTER DIVISION
OF CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY / DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY**

Cardiothoracic I6 Program

Integrated 6-year program

NEW YORK NY

<http://columbiasurgery.org/cardiothoracic-training>

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-11

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NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN WEILL CORNELL MEDICINE

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

NEW YORK, NY

<https://ctsurgery.weillcornell.org/>

The program offers 3 ACGME approved positions: 2 cardiac fellowship positions and 1 thoracic fellowship position. Our thoracic program is under the direction of Dr. Nasser K. Altorki at NewYork-Presbyterian | Weill Cornell Medicine. This 15/9 thoracic track program is based at WCMC and includes 15 months of thoracic exposure, with rotations at Memorial Sloan Kettering. The remaining 9 months are cardiac training at WCMC. Our cardiac track will continue to include 3 months of thoracic training at Cornell, 3 months at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (6 months total thoracic training) and 18 months of cardiac training at Cornell (including network locations in Brooklyn, Queens and CHONY). There will be a separate NRMP code for the 2 tracks, and track designation by the applicant is required.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-28

2026-03-28

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NORTHWELL HEALTH- NORTH SHORE LIJ

Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell Program Thoracic surgery - integrated

Integrated 6-year program

MANHASSET, NY

<https://physicians.northwell.edu/education/graduate-medical-education/residency-integrated-thoracic-surgery-nsuh-lij>

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-11

2026-01-15

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OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY

Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

PORTLAND, OR

<https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-medicine/surgery/cardiothoracic-surgery-fellowship-program>

Interviews will be held virtually via Webex. A program overview with the Program Director, followed by an informal "meet & greet" with the current fellows, will take place on Friday evening. Individual faculty interviews will take place on Saturday morning. Candidates will meet with 8 - 10 faculty members and interviews are 15 minutes long.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-14

2026-03-07

Contact: *Kate Manelis, Program Coordinator*

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PENN STATE HEALTH - MILTON S. HERSHEY MEDICAL CENTER

Thoracic Surgery Fellowship

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

HERSHEY, PA

<https://med.psu.edu/residencies-fellowships/professional-programs/thoracic-surgery-fellowship>

The Penn State Health Thoracic Surgery Residency is a comprehensive two-year ACGME-accredited fellowship program. The ten cardiothoracic surgery faculty run two busy services: one that covers the gamut of adult cardiac and thoracic surgery procedures and one that offers broad exposure to congenital cardiac surgery. The first year focuses on

pediatric cardiothoracic surgery then general thoracic surgery, including open, minimally invasive (VATS and robotic), and endoscopic interventions for malignant and benign lung, esophageal, mediastinal, tracheal, chest wall, pleural, and diaphragmatic disorders. The second year concentrates on adult cardiac surgery including heart failure surgery, valvular surgery, aortic surgery, CABG, endovascular interventions, and cardiac transplantation. Trainees can expect to perform at least 350 operations as primary surgeon. They can also participate in an extensive ventricular assist device and artificial heart program if so inclined. In the Penn State Heart and Vascular Institute, the opportunity to experience other cutting edge treatment modalities is encouraged.

Our interview will begin Sunday evening with a welcome reception, the evening prior to the interview day, at the home of the Program Director. On interview day we will begin with breakfast and program overview, this will be followed by individual interviews with the Adult Cardiac, Pediatric Cardiac and Thoracic faculty. An informal lunch will be held with the faculty and fellows to provide an opportunity for additional questions in a group setting. Current fellows are available all day for questions and they will offer a tour of our facility immediately prior to leaving for the day.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-26

2026-02-16

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SIDNEY KIMMEL MEDICAL COLLEGE AT THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University Program

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

PHILADELPHIA, PA

<https://www.jefferson.edu/academics/colleges-schools-institutes/skmc/departments/surgery/divisions/thoracic/thoracic-surgery-fellowship.html>

Our ACGME accredited training program offers a rich case mix of adult cardiac and general thoracic patients. Fellows may elect to concentrate in either cardiac surgery or thoracic surgery but must meet all requirements for the American Board of Thoracic Surgery board examination upon completion of the 2-year program.

All interviews for 2026 will be held in-person at our Center City location in Philadelphia, PA

ACGME ID: 4604100002

NRMP Code: 1630460F0

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-20

2026-02-03

2026-03-17

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Cardiothoracic Surgery Integrated Program

Integrated 6-year program

PALO ALTO, CA

<https://med.stanford.edu/ctsurgery>

Interviews will be in-person.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-11-22

2026-01-10

Contact: *Stephanie Harrington, Stephanie Harrington*

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Thoracic Surgery Independent Program

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

PALO ALTO

<https://med.stanford.edu/ctsurgery>

Thoracic Track Interview Date: February 28, 2026

Cardiac Track Interview Date: March 28, 2026

All interviews will be in-person.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-03-14

2026-03-28

Contact: *Stephanie Harrington, Coordinator*

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER

Cardiothoracic Surgery Integrated Residency

Integrated 6-year program

COLUMBUS, OHIO

<https://medicine.osu.edu/departments/surgery/cardiac/education/cardiothoracic-surgery-integrated-residency>

Virtual interviews using Thalamus

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-05

2026-01-09

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UC DAVIS

Cardiothoracic Residency Program

Integrated 6-year program

SACRAMENTO, CA

<https://health.ucdavis.edu/surgery/specialties/cardio/>

Interviews will be conducted via Zoom on the following dates:

November 14, 2025

December 1, 2025

December 8, 2025

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-11-14

2025-12-01

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

Thoracic Surgery Residency Program

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

<https://thoracicsurgeryresidency.ucsf.edu/>

In person at the UCSF Parnassus Campus

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-19

2026-03-12

Contact: *Matilda Lee, Interim Program Administrator*

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Cardiothoracic Fellowship

Traditional/Independent 3-year program

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

<https://surgery.uchicago.edu/education/cardiothoracic-fellowship>

The Sections of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery provide comprehensive, personalized training in cardiothoracic surgery through the ACGME-accredited Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship Program. The program offers a unique fellowship experience with exposure in the full spectrum of cardiothoracic surgery services, including coronary artery and valve

surgery, treatment of heart and lung failure, thoracic oncology, aortic surgery, and benign thoracic diseases.

With a renowned faculty and state-of-the-art technology, the Cardiothoracic Fellowship training program places a strong emphasis on minimally invasive surgical approaches, including Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS), robotic assisted thoracic surgery, and robotic cardiac surgery. The cardiac surgery team is a national leader in heart transplant and management of complex heart failure. Residents are exposed to both community hospital and academic medical center settings with progressively increasing responsibility for the course of the three-year fellowship program.

While the program exposes all fellows to a wide variety of cardiothoracic surgery experiences, each fellow may elect to pursue either the thoracic or cardiac track to provide additional exposure, depending on their interests. Rotations are three months long throughout the three-year program and can be tailored to meet the individual trainees' goals while providing a comprehensive cardiothoracic surgery training experience. This unique approach to learning focuses on the development of technical and knowledge-based competencies, in addition to providing access to outstanding simulation facilities that will enhance the training experience without detracting from the clinical opportunities.

Interviews will be conducted in person. All interviews will be at the University of Chicago.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-28

2026-03-14

Contact: *Zainab Aslam, Program Coordinator*

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UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Thoracic Surgery - Integrated

Integrated 6-year program

CINCINNATI, OH

<https://med.uc.edu/depart/surgery/residency-training/thoracic-surgery>

University of Cincinnati Medical Center will hold three in person dates for interviews. All interviews will be at the University of Cincinnati. Dates are:

Wednesday November 12, 2025

Wednesday December 3, 2025

Wednesday December 10, 2025

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-11-12

2025-12-03

Contact: *Tonya Esterkamp, Residency Coordinator*

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

AURORA, COLORADO

<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/surgery/divisions-centers-affiliates/cardiothoracic/education/thoracic-surgery-residency>

Welcome to the Thoracic Surgery Fellowship Program at the University of Colorado. Our program is a three-year fellowship which was established in 1977. Our mission is to provide a very well-rounded thoracic surgical education in all facets of our specialty. Our global objective is to prepare the graduates of our program to step into their careers prepared to meet the challenges of the profession, regardless of their ultimate career goals.

During the course of the three-year curriculum, fellows rotate through the University of Colorado Hospital, Children's Hospital Colorado, and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver. These rotations provide a robust and sophisticated experience in all facets of adult and congenital heart disease and general thoracic surgery. The first two years of the three-year curriculum are designed to provide an in-depth experience in each of these subspecialty areas and prepare the fellow for eligibility for the American Board of Thoracic Surgery examination process. The third year of the fellowship is designed in a manner to permit the resident to focus in an area relevant to their ultimate career goals. For example, some of our fellows focus their activities in the arena

of general thoracic surgery, and others in the arena of congenital heart surgery. Regardless of a fellow's career goal, the faculty is absolutely committed to helping all residents achieve their goals.

The graduates of our program have established very successful careers across the country. Our graduates are established cardiac and thoracic surgeons in both academic medical centers and private practice. Regardless of the particular area of clinical focus, the graduates of our programs have consistently provided feedback that they were more than ready to function independently upon completion of the residency program.

Our 2026 interviews for 2027 positions will be in-person on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-20

2026-03-23

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

Thoracic Surgery

Integrated 6-year program

IOWA CITY, IA

<https://ct-surgery.medicine.uiowa.edu/>

Interviews for the 2025-2026 season will be held in person at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. A welcome reception will be held the evening before each interview date.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-15

2026-01-20

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HEALTH SYSTEM

Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery

Traditional/Independent 3-year program

KANSAS CITY, KS

www.kumc.edu

We will be conducting virtual interviews which will begin at 12:45 pm and end at approximately 5:00 pm, or sooner depending on the format for the day of interview

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-16

2026-03-02

2026-03-23

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Thoracic Surgery Fellowship (4+3 Pathway)

4/3 “Fast-track” program

ANN ARBOR, MI

<https://medschool.umich.edu/departments/cardiac-surgery/education/fellowships/traditional-thoracic-surgery>

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-17

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Thoracic Surgery Integrated Residency

Integrated 6-year program

ANN ARBOR, MI

<https://medschool.umich.edu/departments/cardiac-surgery/education/residency>

Our residency programs offer access to a high volume of unique clinical cases and expansive research opportunities for the future leaders of cardiothoracic surgery. This six-year program includes a well-rounded curriculum the early years, and expansive clinical exposure in the senior years. Our mission is to train technically excellent surgeons who will enter practice ready to be leaders in cardiothoracic surgery.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-04

2026-01-24

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Thoracic Surgery Traditional/Independent

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

ANN ARBOR, MI

<https://medschool.umich.edu/departments/cardiac-surgery/education/fellowships/traditional-thoracic-surgery>

Our fellowship programs offer access to a high volume of unique clinical cases and expansive research opportunities for the future leaders of cardiothoracic surgery. This two-year program includes a well-rounded curriculum to achieve expansive exposure and proficiency in adult cardiac and thoracic surgery. Our mission is to train technically excellent surgeons who will enter practice ready to be leaders in cardiothoracic surgery.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-07

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

<https://med.umn.edu/surgery/education-training/fellowships/cardiothoracic-surgery-fellowship>

Our Surgical Fellowship Program at the University of Minnesota offers a rigorous and comprehensive three-year training experience designed to develop highly skilled, independent surgeons. We accept two fellows per year, allowing for close faculty mentorship, individualized learning, and robust hands-on operative exposure. The clinical case volume consistently exceeds the ACGME minimum requirements by a wide margin, ensuring fellows gain exceptional technical experience across a broad spectrum of complex surgical procedures.

Fellows train within a high-acuity academic medical system, participating in advanced multidisciplinary care, innovative research opportunities, and faculty-guided professional development. Our program emphasizes excellence in patient outcomes, surgical leadership, and readiness for successful careers in academic or high-level clinical practice.

Both interview days are conducted in person at the University of Minnesota and will span the entire day, offering applicants the opportunity to meet faculty and current fellows, tour major training facilities, and fully experience the culture and strengths of our fellowship.

We are committed to fostering a supportive, collaborative learning environment that challenges fellows to reach their fullest potential as future surgical leaders.

We will start our interviews on Friday evening at 6pm with a group meeting and dinner with our current fellows, followed by 1:1 or 1:2 faculty interviews that will conclude around 1pm on Saturday. Again the dates we will offer interviews will be February 21 and March 14.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-21

2026-03-14

Contact: *Mitch Jungman, Fellowship Program Administrator*

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Cardiothoracic Surgery

Integrated 6-year program

CHAPEL HILL, NC

<https://www.med.unc.edu/surgery/ct/education/6-year-program/>

Interview Format: In person

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-05

2026-01-09

2026-02-20

Contact: Abby Johnston, Residency Coordinator

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA/LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER

Cardiothoracic Surgery Integrated Residency Program

Integrated 6-year program

LOS ANGELES, CA

<https://keck.usc.edu/surgery/training-education/residencies/integrated-cardiothoracic-residency-program/>

Interviews will be held in person on the medical school campus, Keck School of Medicine of USC.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-12

2026-01-16

Contact: Celeste Mendoza, Residency Coordinator

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UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Integrated 6-year program

SALT LAKE CITY, UT

In Person. Two dates. University of Utah. Social the night before

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-09

2026-01-23

Contact: *Elise Collins, Administration Manager*

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

University of Virginia Medical Center Program

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

<https://med.virginia.edu/surgery/education/thoracic-residency-program/>

The residency program at the University of Virginia consists of two continuous years of clinical training in adult cardiac, general thoracic, and pediatric cardiac surgery. All of the cardiothoracic surgical training is based at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

We will be interviewing for a traditional thoracic position with an in-person interview date of February 26th, 2026 in Charlottesville.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-26

Contact: *Breanna Rose, Program Coordinator*

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

MADISON, WISCONSIN

<https://www.surgery.wisc.edu/education-training/fellowships/cardiothoracic-surgery-fellowship/>

The training program focuses on flexibility by exposing you to a wide spectrum of patients and procedures over 3 years. During your rotations on the UW Cardiac, VA Cardiac, UW Thoracic and AFCH congenital services, you will participate in the care of patients encompassing the entire spectrum of cardiothoracic disease. We perform 1,000

Cardiac and 650 major thoracic operations/year along with over 70 heart and lung transplants/year. We are also a busy ECMO center, with over 100 runs/year managed by the cardiothoracic surgery service. This robust clinical experience is complemented by modern strategies to optimize the educational experience, including a dedicated simulation experience and a defined process for graduated autonomy. We seek highly motivated individuals dedicated to mastering the craft of cardiothoracic surgery.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-24

2026-03-04

2026-03-10

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UPMC MEDICAL EDUCATION

Thoracic Surgery-Integrated

Integrated 6-year program

PITTSBURGH, PA

<https://www.ctsurgery.pitt.edu/>

The University of Pittsburgh ACGME-accredited Integrated Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency is a clinical six-year program with two to three non-clinical years of protected research time for highly qualified candidates entering training directly out of medical school. The program matches 2 candidates annually, with a total complement of 12 clinical residents. The PGY 1-3 curriculum includes half core general surgery rotations and half cardiothoracic surgery rotations, including apprenticeship- style rotations at UPMC Hamot (2 hours north of Pittsburgh with program-provided housing for trainees and family members), UPMC Passavant, and the Veteran's Affairs Pittsburgh Health System Oakland campus hospital. The PGY 4-6 curriculum is comprised of solely cardiothoracic surgery rotations, with protected time for clinical elective experiences.

The program will be hosting in-person interviews. The session will include a lunchtime overview session with program leadership, in-person interviews, and a social event with current trainees.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-01-09

2026-01-23

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UT MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

HOUSTON, TX

<https://www.mdanderson.org/education-training/clinical-research-training/graduate-medical-education/residencies-fellowships/thoracic-surgery.html>

Our goal is to educate residents by expanding their technical skills in the treatment of cardiovascular, esophageal, pulmonary and other thoracic diseases. The training program is a two-year curriculum with two training tracks. General Thoracic Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery. Successful candidates are selected through NRMP after applications are reviewed and personal interviews are conducted in Houston, TX. Interviews will be done in person this year. Interview location: UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1400 Pressler Street, FCT19.6000, Houston, TX 77030.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-07

2026-02-28

Contact: *Dara S. Keener, Associate Program Manager*

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UT MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery

Traditional/Independent 2-year program

HOUSTON, TX

<https://www.mdanderson.org/education-training/clinical-research-training/graduate-medical-education/residencies-fellowships/thoracic-surgery.html>

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Cardiothoracic Surgery. Successful candidates are selected through NRMP after applications are reviewed and personal interviews are conducted in Houston, TX.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-14

2026-02-28

Contact: *Dara S. Keener, Associate Program Manager*

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY/BARNES JEWISH HOSPITAL

Thoracic Surgery Fellowship

Traditional/Independent 2- 3-year program

ST. LOUIS

<https://cardiothoracicsurgery.wustl.edu/education/>

For the 2026 match cycle and 2027 appointment, Wash U will be conducting in-person interviews for one thoracic track placement. Track designation by the applicant is required, as the program provides an NRMP code for both the thoracic and cardiac tracks.

A welcome dinner will be conducted Friday, February 27th, with interviews and a brief welcome breakfast Saturday, February 28th. Interviews will be held on the Barnes Jewish/Washington University Medical Campus.

The welcome dinner and various hotel accommodations are within walking distance of the medical campus. A Metrolink station is connected directly from the airport to the medical campus, as well as access to garage and street parking. Candidates can expect their interview day to go no later than 1:00 pm on Saturday, and are recommended to get to St. Louis by 5:00 pm at the latest on Friday. St. Louis is in Central Standard Time (CST).

Candidates invited for in-person interviews who cannot attend due to exceptional circumstances can be reviewed for a virtual interview with a written excuse provided to the program director and program coordinator.

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2026-02-28

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YALE MEDICINE AT YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL

Thoracic Surgery

Integrated 6-year program

NEW HAVEN, CT

<https://medicine.yale.edu/surgery/education/residencies/cardiothoracic-surgery/6-year-cardiothoracis-surgery/>

Interviews will be held in person

Interview Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

2025-12-17

2026-01-24

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