

**3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR SCHEDULING LOTTERY  
MONTGOMERY CAMPUS STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS**

Clerkship lottery page on UABSOM website:

<https://www.uab.edu/medicine/home/current-students/scheduling/clerkship-lottery>

**When does the clerkship lottery open and close?**

Open: **Wednesday, January 22, 2025 (after class meeting)**  
 Close: **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**  
 Schedules Posted: **Thursday, February 20, 2025**

**What are the requirements for third year?**

- Core Clerkships (40 weeks)
  - Family Medicine (4 weeks)
  - Internal Medicine (8 weeks)
  - Neurology (4 weeks)
  - Obstetrics-Gynecology (8 weeks)
  - Pediatrics (8 weeks)
  - Psychiatry (4 weeks)
  - Surgery (8 weeks)
- Ambulatory Acting Internship (4 weeks)—opposite Family Medicine in Montgomery
- More information about the curriculum and requirements can be found at: [Graduation requirements](#)
- Clinical Calendars
  - [2024-2025-clinical-calendar.pdf \(uab.edu\)](#)
  - [2025-2026-clinical-calendar.pdf \(uab.edu\)](#)

**How Does the lottery work?**

- Each cohort of students in a track will take their clerkships in the same order.
- A cohort of students moves through the clerkship curriculum together.
- Students will submit preferences for their preferred order of clerkships
- Each student will get a complete schedule.

**What are the lottery tracks?**

[2025/2026clerkshiptracks.pdf](#)

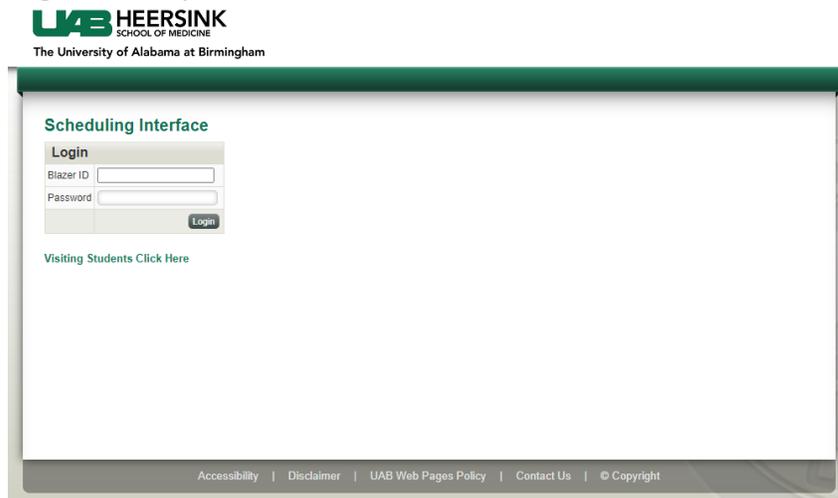
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TRACK 1	Medicine	Surgery	Family Medicine/ Elective*	Special Topics	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Winter Break	Pediatrics	Psychiatry/ Neurology	Special Topics
TRACK 2	Psychiatry/ Neurology	Medicine	Surgery		Family Medicine/ Elective*		Obstetrics & Gynecology	Pediatrics	
TRACK 3	Pediatrics	Psychiatry/ Neurology	Medicine		Surgery		Family Medicine/ Elective*	Obstetrics & Gynecology	
TRACK 4	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Pediatrics	Psychiatry/ Neurology		Medicine		Surgery	Family Medicine/ Elective*	
TRACK 5	Family Medicine/ Elective*	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Pediatrics		Psychiatry/ Neurology		Medicine	Surgery	
TRACK 6	Surgery	Family Medicine/ Elective*	Obstetrics & Gynecology		Pediatrics		Psychiatry/ Neurology	Medicine	

\*Students in Huntsville and Montgomery typically take an ambulatory AI in place of elective. This practice reduces time on regional campus in M54 year.

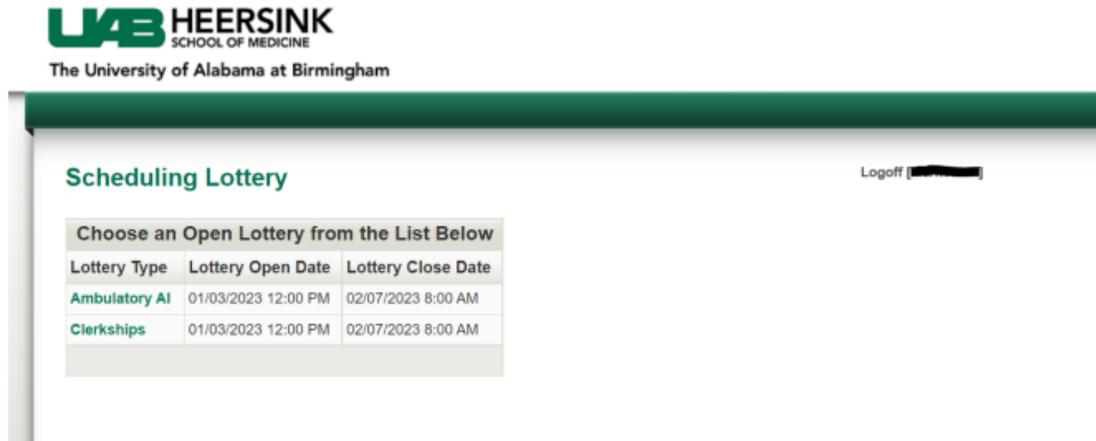
**How do I enter my lottery choices?**

Visit: <https://apps.medicine.uab.edu/students/scheduling/>

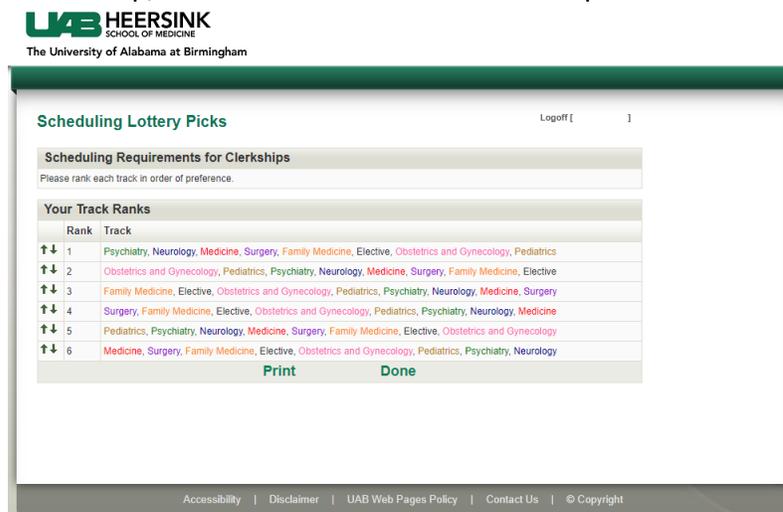
1. Login in with your Blazer ID.



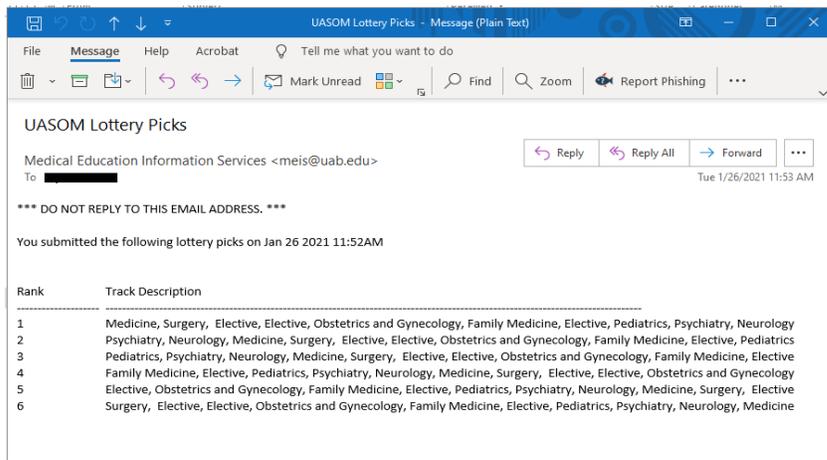
2. Choose "Clerkships".



3. Use the up/down rank tracks in the order of preference.



4. When finished rearranging the tracks, click "Done". This saves the changes and sends an email to the student confirming their ranking. Students may re-rank tracks as often as they like while the lottery is open.



### When do I get my results?

- **Thursday, February 20, 2025 by 5:00 pm**

### What if I want to change my schedule?

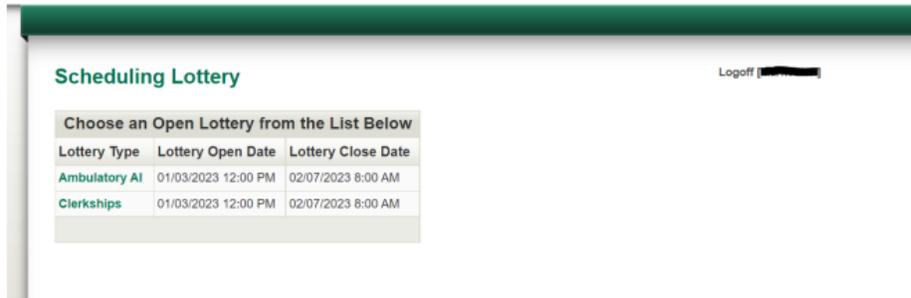
- Drop/add for clerkships begins **Thursday, February 27, 2025**
- Review the video instructions on how to request a change using OSCR.
- Include a rationale for the change.
- Requests will be reviewed in the order received. When possible, changes will be made.
- If a change is not possible now, we may be able to make changes later in the year.

### What about scheduling my Ambulatory AI or elective block?

- Students in **Montgomery** usually take an Ambulatory AI in place of an elective in 3<sup>rd</sup> year (opposite family medicine clerkship).
- Below is a list of Ambulatory AIs offered on the **Montgomery campus**. Click on the link to read the course descriptions. Be sure to check the course prerequisites.
  - [30-303 RURAL MEDICINE ACTING INTERNSHIP](#)
  - [30-221 FAMILY MEDICINE ACTING INTERNSHIP](#)
  - [30-306 MAXWELL AFB AMBULATORY ACTING INTERNSHIP](#)
  - [28-509 AMBULATORY INTERNAL MEDICINE - MONTGOMERY](#)

### How do I schedule my Ambulatory AI?

- The AI/elective lottery opens on **March 4, 2025**. Return to the scheduling lottery page and choose Ambulatory AI.



- When you've finished arranging your choices, click Done and save your selections.
- You will receive an email confirming your ranking.
- You may re-rank courses as often as you like while the lottery is open.
- The AI/elective lottery closes on **March 18, 2025**.
- Ambulatory AIs/electives will be posted to schedules on **March 20, 2025**.
- Drop/add requests for your Ambulatory AI or an elective can be made using OSCR beginning on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**.

### **Things to keep in mind about the lottery and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year**

- The order of clerkships does NOT
  - Influence your ability to get into a specialty or program.
  - Predict grades
- You do not have to complete your lottery choices if you do not wish to.
- Under compelling circumstances, it is possible to make changes to your schedule later in the year. This requires approval from Britney and availability in the course. We cannot overbook.
- You must sit for Step 1 before beginning clerkships
- Pushing Ambulatory AI for elective
  - This is not guaranteed- you have to have a valid reason!
  - \*\*\*You will have more options if you have Medicine/Surgery earlier in the year\*\*\*
  - Always remember if you push for an elective/AI there are prerequisites, and you will need to take housing/travel into consideration.
  - Will need to consider course availability (have 4<sup>th</sup> years to consider as well). Look at CAVE.
  - Overall- we recommend completing this requirement in the third year. You'll have one less AI to complete in 4<sup>th</sup> year!
  - If you choose to take a course on another campus during that time, consider the 8-week branch campus coursework requirement for 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 1st 2025- Clerkship orientation. Mandatory!

### **Other helpful resources:**

[Video: Clerkship Lottery Overview](#)

[Video: Entering Your Lottery Preferences](#)

[Video: How to us OSCR \(online schedule change request system\)](#)