

3RD 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: **Monday, January 12, 2026 (after class meeting)**
Close: **Tuesday, February 3, 2026**
Schedules Posted: **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

What are the requirements for third year?

- Core Clerkships (44 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)
- Clerkships + 8 weeks of clinical rotations (during 3rd/4th year) required on Montgomery campus
 - Elective block fills 4 weeks of that requirement if taken on the Montgomery campus.
- Elective block is 4 weeks—opposite Family Medicine
 - Any course listed as a 2 or 4 week elective (EL)
 - Must meet the prerequisites for the course (see course catalog)
- More information about the curriculum and requirements can be found at: [Graduation requirements](#)
- Clinical Calendars
 - [2025-2026-clinical-calendar.pdf \(uab.edu\)](#)
 - [2026-2027-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?

[2026-2027-tracks.pdf](#)

	BLOCK 6	BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3	BLOCK 4	BLOCK 5
	May 4, 2026 - May 31, 2026 June 1, 2026 - June 28, 2026	June 29, 2026 - July 26, 2026 July 27, 2026 - Aug 23, 2026	Aug 24, 2026 - Sept 20, 2026 Sept 21, 2026 - Oct 18, 2026	Oct 26, 2026 - Nov 22, 2026 Nov 23, 2026 - Dec 20, 2026	Jan 4, 2027 - Jan 31, 2027 Feb 1, 2027 - Feb 28, 2027	Feb 29, 2027 - Mar 28, 2027 Mar 29, 2027 - Apr 25, 2027
TRACK 1	Medicine	Surgery	Family Medicine/ Elective*	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Pediatrics	Psychiatry/ Neurology
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

How do I enter my lottery choices?

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

1. Login in with your Blazer ID.

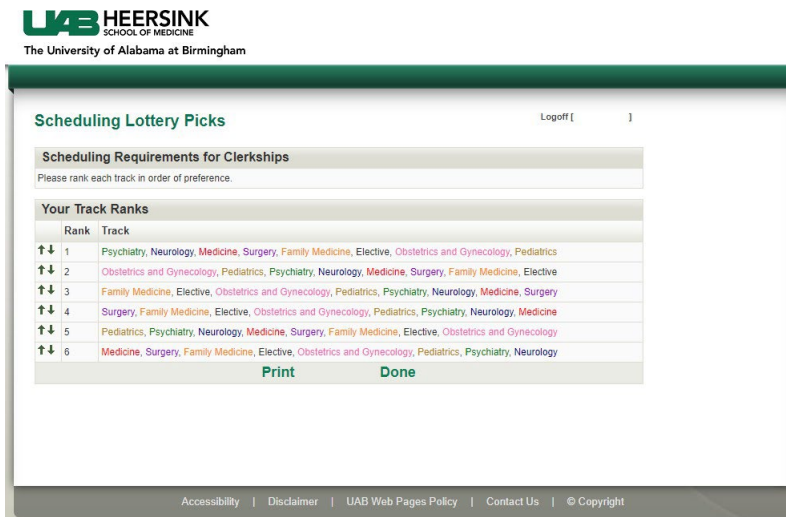
The screenshot shows the login interface for the UAB Heersink School of Medicine. At the top, the logo for UAB Heersink School of Medicine is displayed, along with the text "The University of Alabama at Birmingham". Below the logo, the page is titled "Scheduling Interface". There is a "Login" section with two input fields: "Blazer ID" and "Password". A "Login" button is positioned to the right of the password field. Below the login fields, there is a link that says "Visiting Students Click Here". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for "Accessibility", "Disclaimer", "UAB Web Pages Policy", "Contact Us", and "© Copyright".

2. Choose "Clerkships".

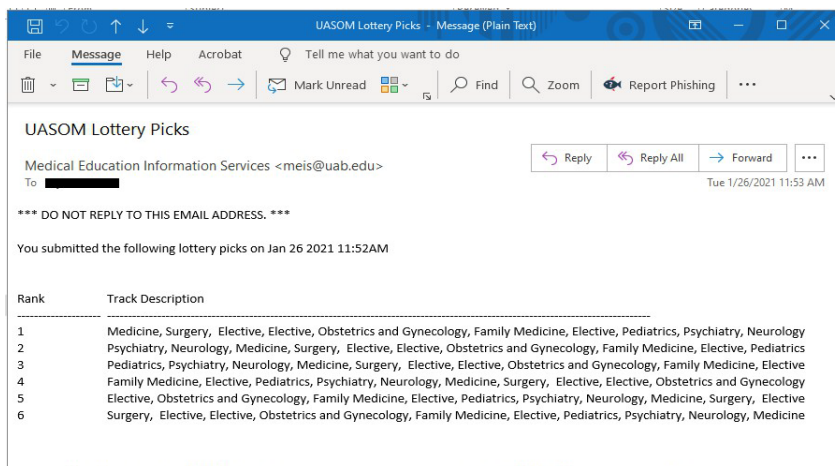
The screenshot shows the "Scheduling Lottery" page on the UAB Heersink School of Medicine website. At the top, the logo for UAB Heersink School of Medicine is displayed, along with the text "The University of Alabama at Birmingham". Below the logo, the page is titled "Scheduling Lottery". There is a section titled "Choose an Open Lottery from the List Below" which contains a table with the following data:

Lottery Type	Lottery Open Date	Lottery Close Date
All Third Year Electives	02/18/2026 5:00 PM	03/10/2026 8:00 AM
Clerkships	01/12/2026 12:00 AM	02/03/2026 8:00 AM

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



- 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?

- **Wednesday, February 11, 2026 by 5:00 pm**

What if I want to change my schedule?

- Schedule change requests for clerkships begins **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm.**
- Review the video instructions on how to request a change using OSCAR.
- 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 elective block?

- Students in **Montgomery** may take an elective in 3rd year opposite family medicine.
- Choosing an elective
 - Consider the pre-requisites for the course
 - More options if you have Medicine/Surgery early in the year. Students who have their elective block late in 3rd year may have fulfilled the prerequisites to take a course as an Acting Internship (AI) rather than as an elective.
 - Counts as 4 weeks of required 8 weeks of Montgomery clinical rotations (in addition to clerkships). However, students may also take an elective in Birmingham (need to consider housing and travel).
 - Electives requiring written permission will not be included in the lottery, but can be requested during add/drop. Will need to consider course availability (have 4th years to consider as well). Look at CAVE.

How do I schedule my Elective (EL)?

- The elective lottery opens on Wednesday, **February 18, 2026**.
- The Elective Lottery will only assign a single course to your open block opposite Family Medicine. If you enter 2-week course options in your picks, you will only get one of them in the lottery. You can add a second 2-week course during add/drop if space is available.
- The Elective lottery will close on **Tuesday, March 10th at 8:00 am**.
- Elective lottery results will be added to schedules on **Thursday, March 12th by 5:00 pm**.
- Any drop/add requests for your elective can be made using the Online Schedule Change Request (OSCR) ([UAB Central Authentication System - CAS – Central Authentication Service](#)) **beginning on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm**.

Things to keep in mind about the lottery and the 3rd year

- The order of clerkships does NOT
 - Influence your ability to get into a specialty or program.
 - Predict grades
- 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 by April 21st in order to begin clerkships on May 4th.
- **Wednesday, April 29th and Thursday, April 30th 2026- Clerkship orientation. Mandatory!**

Other helpful resources:

[Video: Clerkship Lottery Overview](#)

[Video: Entering Your Lottery Preferences](#)

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