**Medical Specialty Recruitment Timeline 2026**

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| **Academic Clinical Fellowship Timetable (England only)** | |
| Applications open | Thursday 2 October 2025 |
| Applications close | Thursday 30 October 2025 |
| Interview window | Monday 10 November 2025 to Friday 16 January 2026 |
| Initial Offers out from | Tuesday 20 January 2026 |
| Hold deadline | Tuesday 27 January 2026 |
| **Round 1 – CT/ST1 and Run Through – *for August to December 2026 start*** | |
| Vacancies published | By 5pm on Wednesday 22 October 2025 |
| Applications open | At 10am on Thursday 23 October 2025 |
| Applications close | At 4pm on Thursday 20 November 2025 |
| MSRA sitting | To be confirmed |
| Interview window | Monday 5 January to Friday 20 March 2026 |
| Initial Offers out | By 5pm on Tuesday 24 March 2026 |
| Hold deadline | At 1pm on Thursday 2 April 2026 |
| Upgrade Deadline | At 4pm on Wednesday 8 April 2026 |
| Hierarchal Deadline | At 4pm on Thursday 9 April 2026 |
| Paperwork deadline | Wednesday 22 April 2026 |
| **Round 2 – ST3/ST4+ Recruitment – *for August to December 2026 start*** | |
| Vacancies published | By 5pm on Wednesday 19 November 2025 |
| Applications open | At 10am on Thursday 20 November 2025 |
| Applications close | At 4pm on Thursday 11 December 2025 |
| Interview window | Monday 5 January to Friday 10 April 2026 |
| Initial Offers out | By 5pm on Tuesday 14 April 2026 |
| Hold deadline | At 1pm on Wednesday 22 April 2026 |
| Upgrade Deadline | At 4pm on Thursday 23 April 2026 |
| Hierarchal Deadline | At 5pm on Thursday 23 April 2026 |
| Paperwork deadline | Wednesday 6 May 2026 |

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| **Round 3 – *for February 2027 start*** | |
| Vacancies published | By 5pm on Monday 27 July 2026 |
| Applications open | At 10am on Tuesday 28 July 2026 |
| Applications close | At 4pm on Thursday 13 August 2026 |
| MSRA sitting | To be confirmed |
| Interview window | Monday 24 August to Friday 16 October 2026 |
| Initial Offers out | By 5pm on Tuesday 20 October 2026 |
| Hold deadline | At 1pm on Tuesday 27 October 2026 |
| Upgrade Deadline | At 4pm on Thursday 29 October 2026 |
| Hierarchal Deadline | At 5pm on Thursday 29 October 2026 |
| Paperwork deadline | Wednesday 4 November 2026 |