**User Stories**

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**High Priority**

* **Manage Candidates**  
  I as a **Recruiter** want to **add, edit, and remove candidate profiles**, so I can keep applicant records accurate.  
  **Acceptance:** Contact details, skills, resume upload  
  Real-time profile updates
* **Track Applications**  
  I as a **Recruiter** want the system to **automatically update and allow manual adjustment of candidate statuses**, so I can monitor application progress.  
  **Acceptance:** Status stages (Applied, Interview Scheduled, Hired)  
  Manual override option
* **Schedule Interviews**  
  I as a **Recruiter** want to **schedule interviews using a calendar**, so I can avoid conflicts and manage time better.  
  **Acceptance:** Conflict-free time slots  
  Email reminders to candidates and recruiters
* **Filter Candidates**  
  I as a **Recruiter** want to **filter candidates by skills, experience, and preferences**, so I can find the most relevant matches.  
  **Acceptance:** Multi-criteria filtering (location, job type)  
  Instant search results

Medium Priority

* **Log Interactions**  
  I as a **Recruiter** want **all candidate interactions to be recorded automatically**, so I can maintain context throughout the hiring process.  
  **Acceptance:** Auto-log of emails/calls/feedback  
  Notes and follow-up reminders
* **Bulk Manage Profiles**  
  I as a **Recruiter** want to **update, email, or archive multiple candidates at once**, so I save time on repetitive tasks.  
  **Acceptance:** Multi-select actions  
  Bulk status updates and messaging
* **Generate Reports**  
  I as a **Recruiter** want the system to **generate hiring and performance reports**, so I can evaluate recruitment effectiveness.  
  **Acceptance:** Application stage tracking  
  Interview and hire rate insights

Low Priority

* **Receive Notifications**  
  I as a **Recruiter** want to **get alerts for interview schedules and status changes**, so I stay updated.  
  **Acceptance:** Real-time notifications  
  Candidate reminders included
* **Secure Candidate Data**  
  I as an **Admin** want **encrypted candidate data and role-based access**, so we comply with privacy regulations.  
  **Acceptance:** GDPR compliance  
  Permission control by user role