UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
ADMISSIONS PROCESS

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UWSOM
The UWSOM is Committed to:

- The states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI)
- Training physicians of all specialties to practice in our region
  - Recognizing the special importance of training primary care doctors
- Contributing to biomedical research
- Treating underserved patients, locally and globally
- Providing educational opportunities for the educationally and economically disadvantaged
What Are We Looking For?

- Students who will meet our mission(s)
- Understanding of the practice of medicine
- Commitment to service and desire to work with patients
- Personal characteristics
  - Maturity, empathy, resilience, responsibility, leadership, strong communication skills, cultural competence
- Analytical thinking and academic ability
- Out-of-region applicants: all of the above, plus disadvantaged background and/or extensive service with the underserved
What is “Holistic Review”?

- Taking into consideration all aspects of the application to provide us with the most accurate impression of the applicant
- Allows for a mission-driven application process
Application Process

- **MCAT Exam**
  - Before 9/30

- **AMCAS Application**
  - Submit by 10/15

- **Secondary Application**
  - Received by 12/1

- **Interview**
  - 10/1-3/31

- **Decision**
  - 10/15-3/31
AMCAS: The Primary Application

**Deadline: October 15th, 2016**

AMCAS Processing Fee:
- $160 for one medical school;
- $38 for each additional school.
Getting Your AMCAS Application Ready

- Know the admissions requirements at each school (e.g. deadlines, MCAT/GPA cutoffs, etc.)
- Obtain copies of your transcripts
- Make sure you have access to a computer that meets AMCAS system and browser requirements
- Make payment arrangements
Submitting Your AMCAS Application

- Submitting early is GOOD, but submitting error-free is BETTER!
- Have someone else read your application
- Don’t rely on spellcheck; make sure to proofread
- Use print option to check your data as final step before submission
- Ensure successful submission by checking Main Menu
Experiences

- Reflection, reflection, reflection!
- Don’t want a list of what you’ve done or procedures you’ve seen
- The Committee wants to know what you have learned, how you’ve grown, and how your experiences have shaped you
- Make sure to include shadowing, patient exposure, leadership, and service
For the UWSOM, either your AMCAS statement or secondary application must include:

- A description of prior experiences in health care
- Steps taken to explore a career in medicine
- Eventual goals as a physician
- Motivation for medicine
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- Pre-Screening & Academic Screen

- Interview
  - 10/1
  - 3/31

- Acceptance
  - 10/15
  - 3/31
Preliminary Screening

- Applicants with low GPA AND low MCAT score could be rejected
- Applicants without United States permanent residency or citizenship will be rejected
- Applicants with 3 previously completed applications will be rejected
Preliminary Screening

- WWAMI applicants who meet the criteria will be invited to complete a secondary application.
- Non-WWAMI applicants who meet the criteria will receive an additional screening, and will be invited to complete the secondary if they:
  - Come from a disadvantaged background, and/or
  - Have demonstrated a commitment to working with the underserved.
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  - 10/15 - 3/31

- Interview
  - 10/1 - 3/31
The following materials are required to complete the secondary application:

- Additional statements (can see on our website)
- Letters of recommendation
- Idaho residency certification
- $35 application fee
- TRUST application (optional)

Deadline: December 1st, 2016
Letters of Recommendation

- Required: a committee letter or 3 letters of recommendation
  - Want to see a well-rounded picture of applicant
- An additional 3 letters will be accepted
Targeted Rural Underserved Track

If you’re interested in applying to TRUST, you will need to be able to discuss:

- Why you are interested in rural/underserved medicine
- What is different about rural/underserved medicine and what challenges these communities face
- Examples and specifics from what you have witnessed in a rural/underserved setting
Premedical Course Requirements

- 4 semesters or 6 quarters of Social Sciences or Humanities
- 6 semesters or 9 quarters of Chemistry and Biology
  - General chemistry, general biology, biochemistry, molecular genetics, and cell biology/cell physiology
- 2 semesters or 3 quarters of Physics; or 1 semester or 2 quarters of Physics plus 1 semester or 2 quarters of calculus or linear algebra
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- Screening for Interview
Screening Applications

- Complete applications are reviewed by two to three screeners to determine whether an applicant will interview.
- Idaho applicants with two negative screens will go to the Idaho Executive Committee Member for a final review.
- Screening process and interview invitation can take up to six weeks.
Considerations When Screening

- Experiences/Activities
  - Shadowing
  - Experiences that are consistent with goals

- Academic Ability
  - Upward trajectory
  - GPA and MCAT are consistent

- Clear and coherent motivation for medicine

- Letters of recommendation
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  - 10/1-3/31
Interviews

- Panel interviews: 30 minutes, three interviewers + applicant
- Executive Committee member (EXCOM) has your complete file, but two other interviewers will not see MCAT scores or grades
- Interview impressions and recommendations are forwarded to Executive Committee
- All Idaho residents will interview in Boise during one week in January or one week in February; interviews are scheduled approximately one month in advance
Application Process

- **MCAT Exam**: Before 9/30
- **AMCAS Application**: Submit by 10/15
- **Secondary Application**: Received by 12/1
- **Pre-Screening & Academic Screen**
- **Screening for Interview**
- **EXCOM Meetings**
- **Interview**: 10/1-3/31
- **Decision**: 10/15-3/31
Final Decisions

- Washington/out-of-region applicants will be accepted throughout the interview season, from October-March
- Idaho applicants will receive an update on their application after their interview week concludes
- Final decisions for all Idaho applicants will be sent out after second week of interviews in February
## 2016 Applicant Pool & Entering Class

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*Includes 1 MD/PhD Student; all data as of 5/13/16
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### 2016 GPA/MCAT for WWAMI Applicants

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Statistics as of 4/21/2016
WWAMI applicants only
Includes WA MSTP
Latest MCAT Percentile Rank was used
GPA is total undergraduate GPA

Most applicants who were accepted with lower than average college GPAs had taken additional post graduate course work and performed well.

Green acc = all those accepted
Grey tot = total applied
Red = not accepted
Thank You!

Visit Our Website

http://www.uwmedicine.org/admissions

- Advice from the Admissions Dean
- Application procedure
- Resources to prepare your application
- Extensive FAQs

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