

# OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS

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## UWSOM is Committed to:

- The states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI)
- Training physicians of all specialties to practice in the region
  - Recognizing the special importance of training primary care doctors
- Contributing to biomedical research
- Providing educational opportunities for educationally and economically disadvantaged

# Expectations

## All Applicants

- Meet our mission
- Knowledge of being a physician
- Understanding of current issues facing medicine
- Understanding of socio-economic determinants in health
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Academic ability

## Out-of-Region Applicants

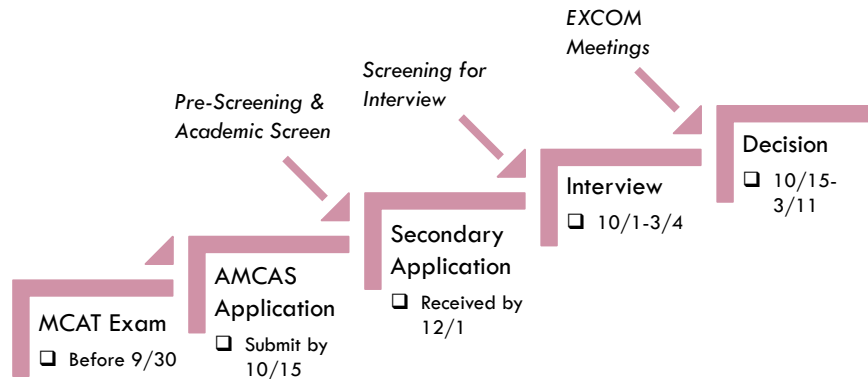
- Extensive record of service with underserved
- Disadvantaged background

# Holistic Review and Evidence Based

- Decisions are based on what we see in the application
- Past behavior predicts future behavior
- Context is considered
  - Holistic review



# Application Process



# AMCAS: The Primary Application

The screenshot shows the AMCAS website homepage. The header includes navigation links for Services and Publications, and a search bar. The main content area features a navigation menu with links for Aspiring Docs, Applicants, Med Students, and Residents. The central banner reads "American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®)" and includes a photo of a student. To the right, there is a "2016 AMCAS Sign In" button and a section for "Important Dates" with a calendar icon.

**Deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

AMCAS Processing Fee: \$160 for one medical school. \$39 for each additional school.

## AAMC Fee Assistance Program (FAP)

- Reduced MCAT registration fees
  - from \$310 to \$120
- The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam and additional MCAT prep materials
- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR)
- Waiver for all AMCAS fees for one application submission (up to 16 medical schools)

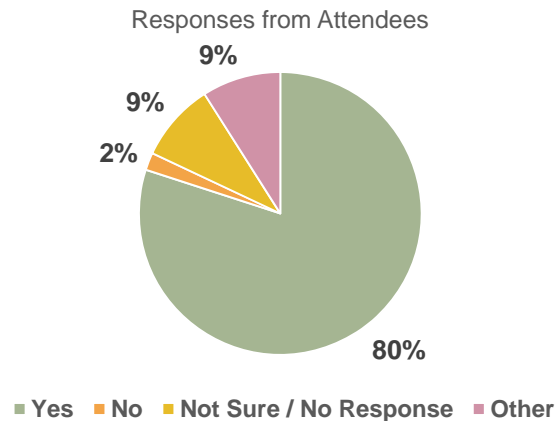
<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/fap/>

## Pre-Medical 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
- Optional: Ethics, Anatomy or Comparative Anatomy, Human or Mammalian Physiology, and Embryology

## Survey Question from Registration Form

*“We are considering a new prerequisite requirement in which students must take a course on multicultural studies, critical race studies, women/gender studies, disability studies, or sexuality studies. Would your students be able to fulfill this requirement at your institution?”*



## Personal Comments

1. Identifying Information 2. Schools Attended 3. Biographic Information 4. Course Work 5. Work/Activities 6. Letters of Evaluation 7. Medical Schools 8. Essay(s) 9. Standardized Tests

**PERSONAL COMMENTS**

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school. The available space for your response is 5300 characters, or approximately one full page. You will receive an error message if you exceed the available space. For additional assistance, click "help" on the tool bar at the top of the screen. \*

[What information should I consider including in my personal comments?](#)

ESSAY(S) ▾

Personal Comments Incomplete Comments

**Why do you want to be a doctor?**

- ❖ Motivation for medicine
- ❖ A description of prior experiences in health care
- ❖ Steps taken to explore a career in medicine
- ❖ Eventual goals as a physician

## Disadvantaged Status

From AMCAS:

*“Do you wish to be considered a disadvantaged applicant by any of your designated medical schools that may consider such factors (social, economic or educational)?”*

Underserved  
Immediate Family Situations/Circumstances  
State and/or Federal Aid

## Work/Activities

- Insightful reflections on:
  - Domestic Physician Shadowing
  - Community Service
  - Patient Contact
  - Leadership Positions
  - Research
  - Employment
  - Military
  - Sports, Hobbies, Interests, or *any activities that are meaningful*

## Other Biographic Information

- Institutional Actions
- Misdemeanor Conviction
- Felony Conviction

## UWSOM Secondary Application

- Additional statements
- Letters of recommendation
- Residency certification/eligibility
- \$35 application fee
- **Deadline: December 1st, 2017**

## Secondary Statements

- Autobiographical Statement Addendum



How do you see historical and structural inequities affecting the patients you have worked with and will work with, and how do you as a student and physician address these broader causes of health disparities?

- How have your experiences prepared you to be a physician?
- What perspectives or experiences do you bring that would enrich the class?
- What obstacles to your goals have you experienced and how have you dealt with them?
- For re-applicants: From your most recent application until now, how have you strengthened your application?

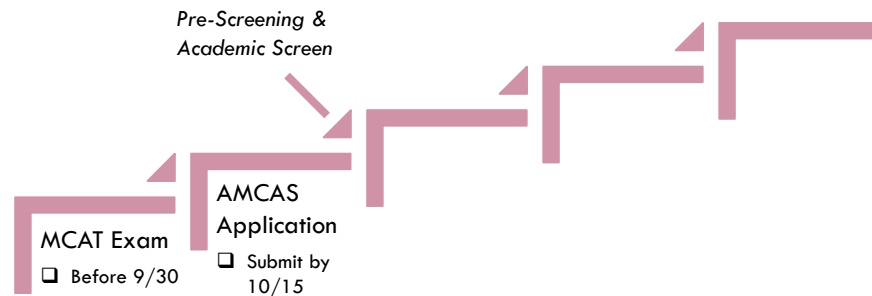
## Letters of Recommendation

- Required: a committee letter or 3 letters of recommendation
  - Well-rounded picture of applicant
- An additional 3 letters will be accepted





## Application Process



## Preliminary Screening

- Applicants with low GPA AND low MCAT score could be rejected
  - Wyoming and Montana applicants below the cut off will be reviewed for a secondary
- International students without United States permanent residency or citizenship will be rejected
  - WA DACA residents will be considered for admission
- Applicants who have three previous applications will be rejected

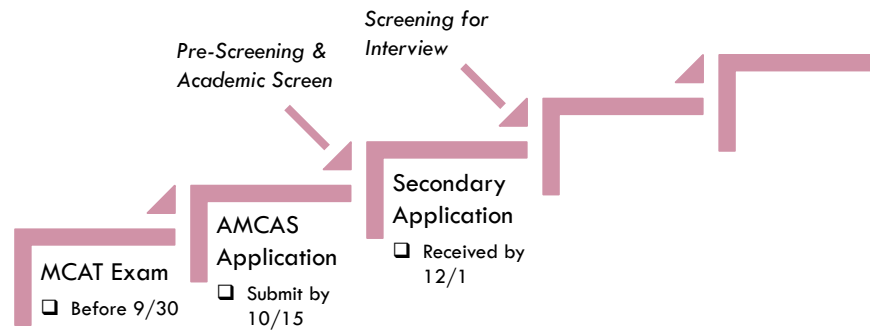
## MCAT-GPA Table

E-2017 MD Statistics																
MCAT Percentile Rank	0-14		15-26		27-42		43-60		61-78		79-90		91-96		97-100	
Undergraduate GPA	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot
3.80-4.00	0	0	0	3	1	10	6	26	18	68	33	97	21	55	20	61
3.60-3.79	0	1	0	3	5	28	8	46	25	91	30	122	25	78	11	36
3.40-3.59	0	3	0	8	4	26	6	47	11	68	19	100	5	38	6	13
3.20-3.39	0	5	1	9	0	27	10	36	10	43	5	50	4	14	1	5
3.00-3.19	0	5	0	12	0	11	0	11	1	19	1	13	0	5	0	4
2.80-2.99	0	4	0	3	0	3	0	7	1	9	0	1	0	2	0	0
2.60-2.79	0	4	0	7	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
2.40-2.59	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2.20-2.39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.00-2.19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.47-1.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	24	1	46	10	107	30	181	66	300	88	385	55	192	38	120

## Preliminary Screening (cont.)

- WWAMI applicants above the academic cut off will get a secondary
- Non-WWAMI applicants above the academic cut off may get a secondary if they:
  - Demonstrate commitment to working with underserved
  - Come from a disadvantaged background

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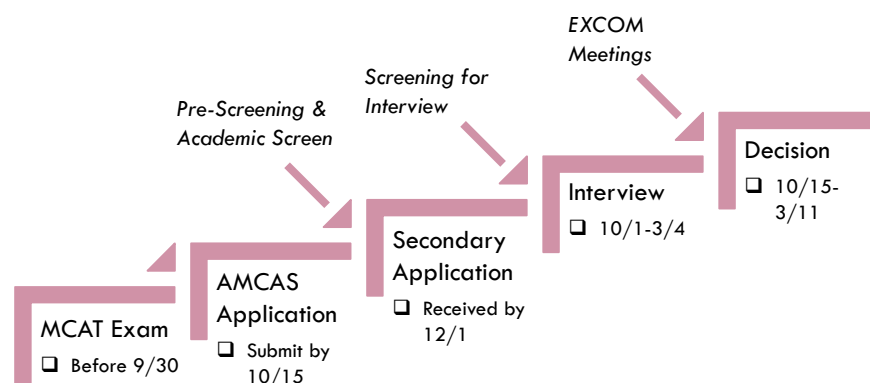
## Screening Applications

- Complete applications are reviewed by two to three screeners for an invitation to interview.
- Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho applicants with a negative outcome will get a final review.
- Decision to extend an interview can take up to 6 weeks.

## Considerations When Screening

- Academic ability
  - Upward trajectory
  - GPA and MCAT are solid
- Experiences/Activities
  - Domestic physician shadowing
  - Experiences that are consistent with goals
- Clear and coherent motivation for medicine
- Solid letters of recommendation

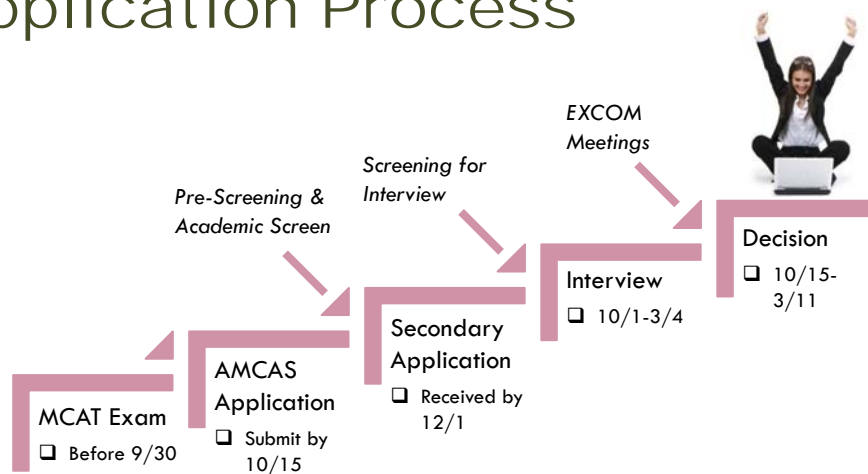
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## Decision

- Applications are reviewed throughout the season (“rolling admissions”) by the Executive Committee
- Timing of decisions are affected by competitiveness of the applicant pool
- All applicants will be notified of final decisions by the end of March

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## Disappointed Applicants

- Applicants are encouraged to reapply
  - Demonstrate growth from previous application
    - New essays
    - New experiences
- Check out UWSOM resources
  - Annual Forum Sessions
  - One-on-One Feedback

## For More Information

### Visit Our Website

<http://www.uwmedicine.org/admissions>

- Forum Session Videos
- Application procedure
- Resources to prepare your application
- Extensive FAQs

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# QUESTIONS

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