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

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AMCAS: The Primary Application

Deadline: October 15th, 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?”

Responses from Attendees
- Yes: 9%
- No: 2%
- Not Sure / No Response: 9%
- Other: 9%

Personal Comments

Why do you want to be a doctor?
- Motivation for medicine
- A description of prior experiences in healthcare
- 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
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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
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**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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