

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

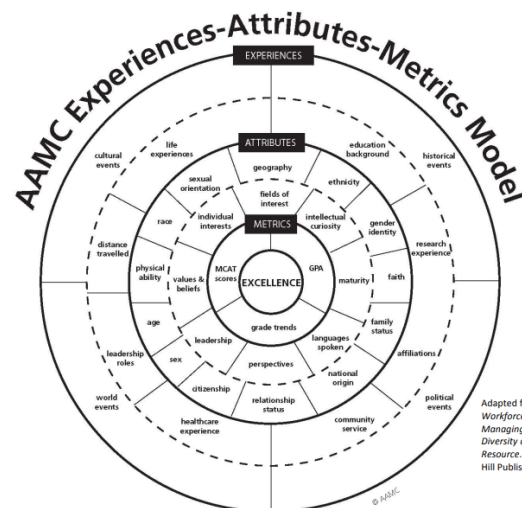
All Applicants

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

Non-WWAMI Applicants

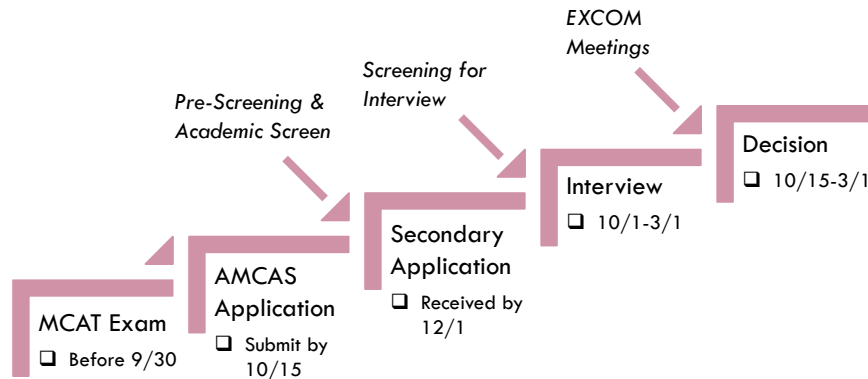
- Extensive record of service with underserved
- Disadvantaged background

Holistic Review



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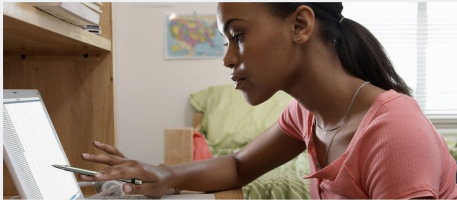
Application Process



AMCAS: The Primary Application

Applying to Medical School with AMCAS®

The American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) is the AAMC's centralized medical school application processing service. Most U.S. medical schools use AMCAS as the primary application method for their first-year entering classes.



AMCAS® Sign In »

The 2020 AMCAS application is now open. If you wish to start medical school in Fall 2020, please complete and submit the 2020 AMCAS application. Please be sure to proofread your application before submitting.

As of June 24, AMCAS is:

- Marking transcripts as "Received" that were delivered on June 18.
- Processing applications that reached "Ready for Review" on June 5.
- Processing Academic Change Requests submitted on June 19.

Contact AMCAS®

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. ET
Closed Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. ET
✉ amcas@aamc.org

Deadline: October 15th, 2019

AMCAS® Processing Fee:
\$170 (includes one medical school designation).
Additional medical school designations: \$40 each.

AAMC Fee Assistance Program (FAP)

- Reduced MCAT registration fees
 - from \$315 to \$125
- The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam and other MCAT preparation materials
- Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) (\$54 value)
- Waiver for all AMCAS fees for one application submission (up to 20 medical schools) (\$930 value)

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/what-are-benefits-fee-assistance-program/>

Pre-Medical Course Requirements

- 4 semesters or 6 quarters of Social Sciences, Humanities, or “Human Condition”
- 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
- Recommended: Ethics, Anatomy or Comparative Anatomy, Human or Mammalian Physiology, and Embryology

Personal Comments/Statement

American Medical College Application Service 2019 Application

Identifying Information Schools Attended Biographic Information Course Work Work/Activities Letters of Evaluation Medical Schools Essays Standardized Tests

Personal Comments Essay

Consider and write your Personal Comments carefully; changes may be made after you submit your application.

Why you want to go to medical school

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school.

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
- CASPer
- Residency certification/eligibility
- \$35 application fee
- [Deadline: December 1st, 2019](#)

Secondary Statements

- Autobiographical Statement Addendum
- How have societal inequities in the U.S. affected you or patients you've worked with?
- 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?

Special Programs

Targeted Rural Underserved Track (TRUST)

- Underserved rural or underserved small city experience
- Open to all WWAMI applicants

Community-focused Underserved Scholars Program (CUSP)

- Urban underserved
- Open to Washington applicants and non-WWAMI applicants with ties to Washington state

Letters of Recommendation

- Required: a committee letter or 3 letters of recommendation
 - Well-rounded picture of applicant

- An additional 3 letters will be accepted

- Academic ability
- Commitment to service
- Leadership potential
- Clinical or research experiences
- Interpersonal skills
- Interaction with patients
- Ability to function on a team
- Potential as a physician
- Respect for others
- Compassion
- Maturity
- Communication skills
- Work ethic

Additional Comments RE: Letters

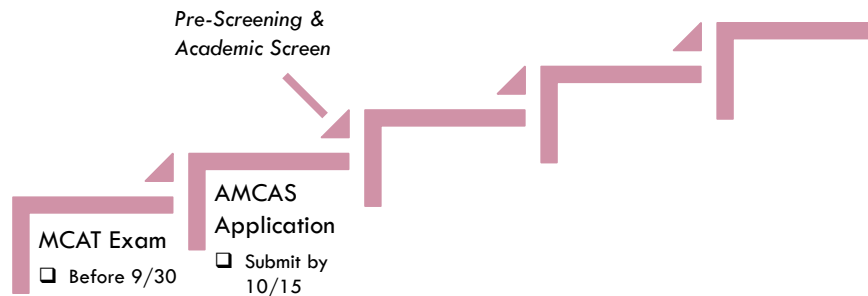
- Letters could include:
 - Strengths/emerging strengths of the applicant
 - Unique characteristics
 - Applicant's response to disappointing or stressful situations
 - Reasons why you feel that the applicant should become a physician
- Committee letters should include a ranking (e.g. excellent, outstanding, average, etc.)
- Avoid rehashing academics/metrics

CASPer

Your role is the more experienced employee



Application Process



Preliminary Screening

- Applicants with low GPA AND low MCAT score could be rejected
 - Applicants with 3.0 GPA and w/o post-bacc or graduate coursework is 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
 - WWAMI DACA residents (verified by residency office) will be considered for admission
- Applicants who have three previous applications will be rejected

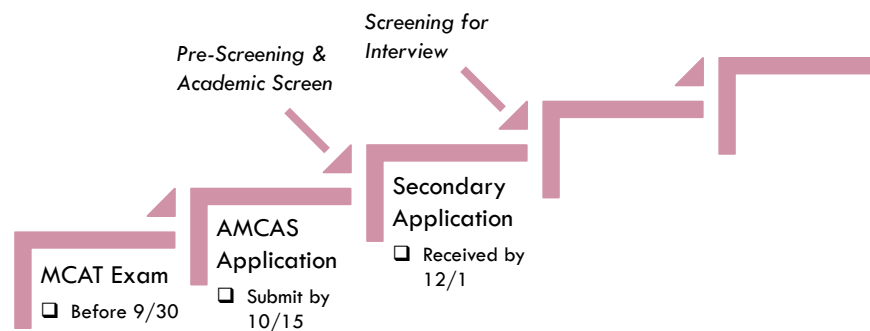
MCAT-GPA Table

E-2018 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	1	0	3	1	10	12	38	22	77	25	73	19	68	25	74
3.60-3.79	0	1	0	6	3	21	8	48	30	113	28	92	18	61	9	37
3.40-3.59	0	0	0	6	1	14	10	56	24	106	9	59	4	45	4	18
3.20-3.39	0	1	0	9	0	25	3	29	10	59	6	25	2	15	0	4
3.00-3.19	0	4	0	6	0	19	0	21	4	25	2	13	0	2	0	1
2.80-2.99	0	7	0	11	0	7	0	6	0	11	0	2	0	1	1	1
2.60-2.79	0	2	0	5	0	6	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
2.40-2.59	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.20-2.39	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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	20	0	47	5	103	33	201	90	394	70	264	43	193	39	135

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

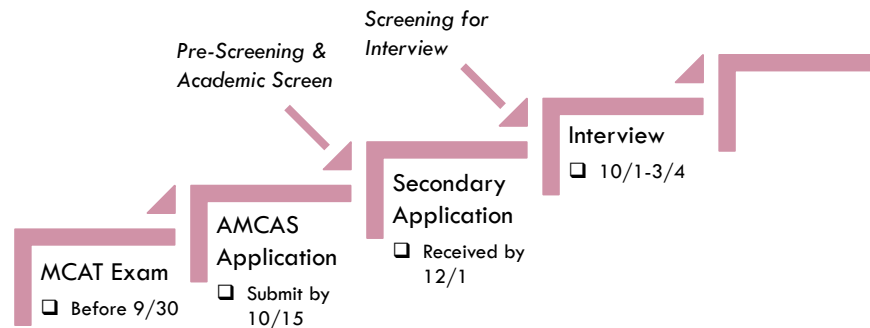
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Screening Applications

- 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.
- For Washington Applicants:
 - CUSP and TRUST Screens
- Decision to extend an interview can take up to 6 weeks.

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Think of the interview as a supplement to your application

What we get from the application

- Motivation
- Clinical exposure
- Service
- Leadership
- Research
- Other's opinions of you
- Academic ability

What we get from the interview

- Motivation
- Communication skill/empathy
- How well you know yourself
- Problem solving skill
- Evidence of curiosity
- Understanding what you are getting into

Interview

- Panel interviews
 - 3 interviewers to 1 applicant
 - 30 minutes
- Interviewers are partially blinded to MCAT scores and grades
 - EXCOM interviewer has complete file
- Interview impressions and recommendations are forwarded to Executive Committee



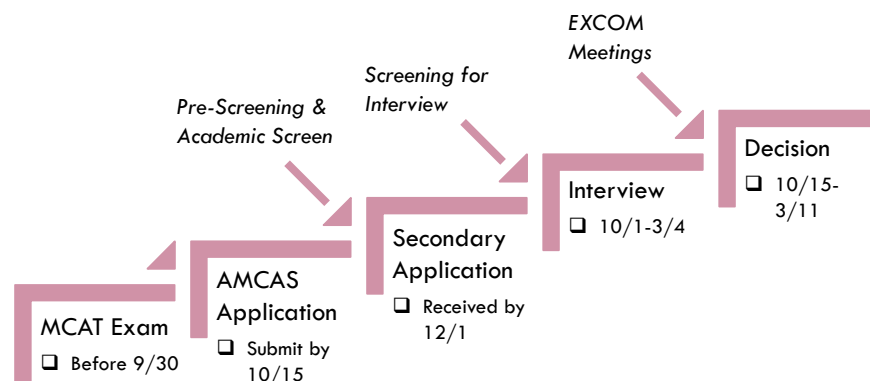
Interview Day

- Interviews take place in Anchorage, Bozeman, Laramie, Moscow, Seattle, and Spokane
- Applicants will be considered comparatively to others interviewing at the same site
- Includes tour of facilities, meeting current students and/or faculty, and lunch

Interview Resources

- Interviewee Private Website
 - Video introducing interview format
 - Practice questions
 - Curriculum and financial aid information
 - Directions and lodging information
- More practice questions on <https://www.uwmedicine.org/school-of-medicine/admissions/interview>
 - Interview dates also posted on public admissions site

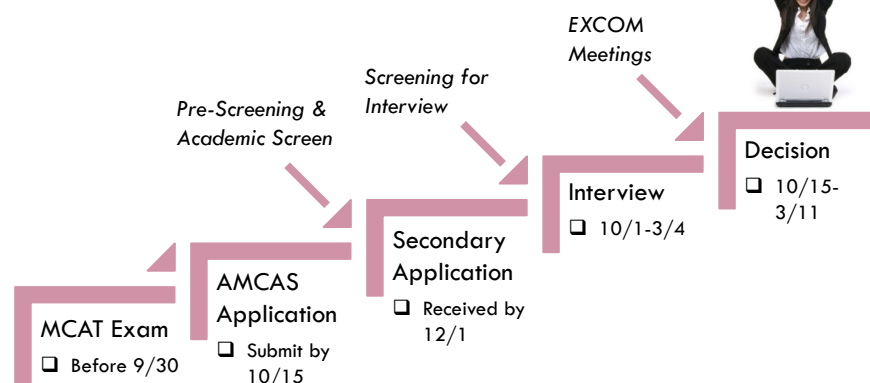
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Decision

- 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>

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

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QUESTIONS
