

UC Davis School of Medicine 101

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY

OUR MISSION

Our mission at the UC Davis School of Medicine is to provide excellent learner-centered education to a diverse body of medical students and graduate students, cultivating in them the passion to improve lives and transform the health of the communities they will serve as physicians, scientists and health care leaders in California.

From the time you apply, we are interested in who you are as a person and your journey to get to this point. The Admissions Committee is dedicated to reviewing each applicant holistically, which incorporates applicants' experiences, attributes, and metrics, giving equal weight to each.

PREMEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

The MCAT and three years (90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours) in a US-accredited college or university that include the following required college-level courses (verified by AMCAS):

- Biological Sciences: 1 year
- Chemistry, general and organic sequence: 1 year each
- Physics: 1 year

EXPERIENCES, ATTRIBUTES, AND METRICS

EXPERIENCES

- Healthcare experience
- Research experience
- Leadership
- Community service
- Experience working in interprofessional teams
- Life experiences (e.g., adversity)

METRICS

- Undergraduate grades, grade trends, and course load
- Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) score
- Performance in a post-baccalaureate and/or graduate degree program

ATTRIBUTES

- Geographic origin (e.g., rural or medically underserved area)
- Commitment to serving California
- Resilience, honesty, and integrity
- Motivation for a medical career
- Intellectual curiosity and critical thinking skills
- Communication skills and empathy
- Languages spoken, particularly by underserved patient populations
- Professional responsibility and accountability
- Values and ethical beliefs
- Self-assessment and improvement skills
- Altruism and compassion
- Appreciation for diverse perspectives
- Ability to work in interprofessional teams

A HOLISTIC ADMISSIONS EXPERIENCE

STEP 1: AMCAS APPLICATION

June 1 is the first day students may submit applications to the American Medical College Application Service. It is a good idea to submit your AMCAS application no later than August 1. October 1 is the UC Davis School of Medicine deadline to submit all application materials to AMCAS. Extensions will not be considered.

STEP 2: SECONDARY APPLICATION

After applying, your application is reviewed and qualified applicants are invited to complete our UC Davis School of Medicine secondary application. The secondary application consists of the following:

- Supplementary activities and essays including possible interest in the Prime Programs and Research Pathways
- Letters of recommendation (3-6 letters allowed)
- Complete prerequisite information
- Non-refundable application fee: \$120

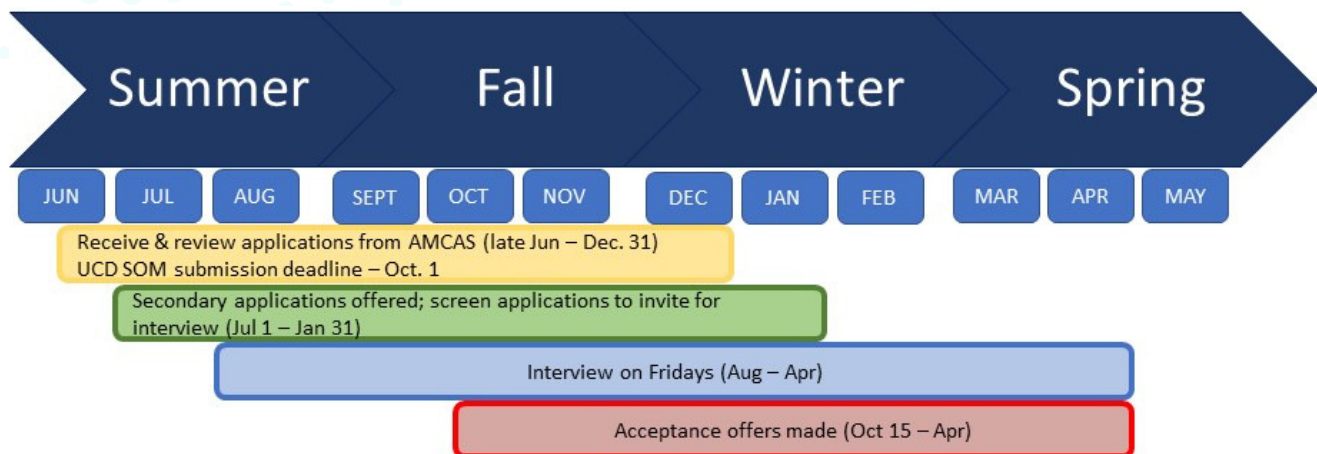
Completed secondary applications are forwarded to the Admissions Committee who perform a holistic review of applications and invite select applicants for an interview.

STEP 3: INTERVIEW DAY

Using the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI), all applicants within the admissions cycle will experience the same blinded interview, making the process as fair as possible. Our interviews are held from mid-August to April.

STEP 4: ACCEPTANCE DECISION

The Admissions Committee reviews and base decisions on the entire application packet, including all experiences, attributes, and metrics to determine whether the applicant possesses the intellect, integrity, skills, and personal and emotional qualities necessary to become an effective physician.



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