

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Dear GPPA Student,

If you are applying to medical school this year, we have put together a few pointers to help answer commonly asked questions.

1. **Fee waiver process** If you are only applying to UIC-COM, send an email to Lindasin@uic.edu at the Office of Admissions at the College of Medicine. In the email, please put your full name, AMCAS ID#, and state that you are only applying to UIC. Once they receive this email, your AMCAS application fee, will be waived. Likewise, your supplemental application fee will be waived automatically. Typically, it takes one to two days from the time they receive your email until the fee waiver is processed. If you intend to apply to other medical schools, you do not have to contact the Office of Admissions and you are not eligible for the fee waivers.
2. **The deadline for applying to AAMCAS is November 15, 2009 and the deadline for the supplemental application is January 15, 2010.** You are **strongly** recommended to apply much earlier, for two major reasons. For the past two years, the COM has begun offering more scholarships to incoming M1s. These scholarships can range from \$20,000 over your four years all the way to full tuition. If your file is completed early your chances of receiving a scholarship are much better. Also, if there are problems with your application we can have those corrected easier if you apply earlier. Thus, apply as early as you can.
3. **You will need three letters of recommendation from academic sources** (i.e. professors, advisors, etc...) You may include additional letters from non-academic sources but you will need three academic letters to complete your file.
4. **Complete the application thoroughly** Although you are guaranteed admissions, your file is still reviewed for scholarships. Do not disservice yourself by excluding your activities and accomplishments on your applications for expediency.
5. **MCAT** For students who came in under Conditions of Acceptance through Fall 2007, if your MCAT composite score is below a 30, you may be required to participate in the Summer Pre-matriculation Program in June - July of 2010 of which a fee will be charged. We will accept up to April 2010 (only if a previous MCAT has been taken) scores if you are retaking the exam to improve your scores. Also, all three sub categories should be a score of 10 or above. Each student is reviewed individually and in addition to reviewing your MCAT scores we also look at your science grades and overall grades. For students who entered UIC in Fall 2008 and Fall 2009, please contact Josephine Volpe to discuss your required MCAT scores.
6. **Studying abroad** If you are out of the country during the application process, please make sure that Joey Volpe, the GPPA Coordinator, is aware of your status. Also, if possible, an updated email address where you can be contacted is important.

If you have any questions that were not addressed, please contact us via email or phone.

Take Care and Good Luck!

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