



## **AAMC Virtual Medical School Fair Information Sessions**

**October 12, 2022 | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm ET**

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### **11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET | How to Use Medical School Mission Statements to Guide your Application Decisions - A Q&A Discussion with Medical School Admissions Officers**

Did you know that using medical school mission statements to help navigate the application process could make you a more competitive applicant? When you speak to how your goals and aspirations align with a medical school's mission— whether it be research, diversity, or primary community-based health care, you may increase your likelihood of matriculating to schools that match your future career interests.

During this interactive discussion, admissions officers will lead a reflection activity to help you articulate your 'why' for becoming a physician and demonstrate how your personal mission should align with the mission of the medical schools you plan to apply to. You'll also hear directly how a school's holistic admissions process helps admissions officers select candidates. This session builds on a [recent article](#) in the AAMC Premed Navigator on the same topic.

#### Moderator:

- Leila Amiri, PhD, Associate Dean of Admissions, The University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine
- Erik Porfelli, PhD, Professor and Chair of Human Sciences, The Ohio State University School of Medicine

#### Panelists:

- Casey Sheahan, M.A., Associate Director for Admissions, Georgetown University School of Medicine
- Deborah Berman, MD, Interim Assistant Dean for Admissions and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan Medical School
- Will Ross, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Diversity, and Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

### **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm ET | Preparing for the MCAT Exam**

This session will provide you with an overview of what's on the MCAT exam, the free AAMC MCAT Official Prep resources available, and tips on how to use those resources to create an effective study plan. Join us to kickstart your exam preparation today!

The presentation will provide participants with the opportunity to:

- Review the structure of the MCAT exam and content covered
- Explore how to start building a personalized study plan
- Learn about the free MCAT Official Prep resources available
- Get tips on effective study strategies used by students who obtain higher scores
- Learn about the AAMC Fee Assistance Program's benefits and eligibility requirements

Moderator:

- Lesley Ward, MFA, Director, MCAT Outreach and Engagement, AAMC

Panelist:

- Lauren Bauser, Product Management Director of MCAT Preparation, AAMC

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm ET | Medical School Interviews: Everything You Need to Know**

Although medical schools use interviews as a tool to evaluate applicants, it's also a chance for applicants to evaluate the culture of a medical school and determine which schools are the best fit for them. This session will share tips for preparing for both virtual and in-person interviews, explain how schools use interviews as part of their assessment process, allow participants to view live mock interviews and hear feedback from current admissions officers.

Moderator:

- Maria Jose Araya, Learner Engagement Manager, AAMC

Panelists:

- Jennifer Kimble, M.Ed., Director of Admissions, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- Lina Mehta, MD, Associate Dean for Admissions, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

**2:15 pm – 3:00 pm ET | Financing A Medical Education – What You Need to Know**

During this interactive session, we will discuss the cost of applying to medical school and how to possibly lower some of the expenses with the AAMC's Fee Assistance Program and other types of scholarships. We will also review the types of loans available and briefly talk about current repayment options as well as loan forgiveness and loan repayment assistance programs that you may want to research. You will get a first-hand look at all the financial resources that the AAMC's Financial Information, Resources, and Tools (FIRST) program has for you. After the presentation, there will be time to ask questions and we welcome your participation!

Moderator:

- Johnathan Chancellor, Education Debt Management Specialist, Senior, AAMC

Panelist:

- Julie Gilbert, Sr. Education Debt Management Specialist, AAMC

**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET | Medical School Admissions – Busting Common Myths**

Is it true that most medical schools seek applicants with traditional laboratory research experience? Will taking pre-requisites at a community college appear as a red flag on your application? In this one-hour session, medical school representatives will dispel common assumptions about the admissions process and take live questions from the audience. This session will also reinforce the importance of using your personal mission and career goals to hone your application strategy and apply to schools that are the best fit for you.

Moderators:

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- Erik Porfelli, PhD, Professor and Chair of Human Sciences, The Ohio State University School of Medicine

Panelists:

- Glen Fogerty, PhD, MBA, Associate Dean, Admissions & Recruitment, The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix
- Carey Jewkes, Director of Admissions, The University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine

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**Designing Your Premed Journey with Resources from the AAMC**

The AAMC is dedicated to providing resources to aspiring physicians and advisors that will assist in guiding students on their journey to medical school. This video outlines the application process and features some of the AAMC's most popular resources.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aARNYG4pafY&t=19s>

**Fee Assistance Program**

The AAMC Fee Assistance Program assists those who, without financial assistance, would be unable to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), apply to medical schools that use the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS), and more. Learn about the new 2022 AAMC Fee Assistance Program and how medical school applicants can save over \$2,000! This 60-minute webinar covered the 2022 Fee Assistance Program benefits, new eligibility requirements, the application process, and Q&A from the audience.

<https://vimeo.com/683338070>