

# UW ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

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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

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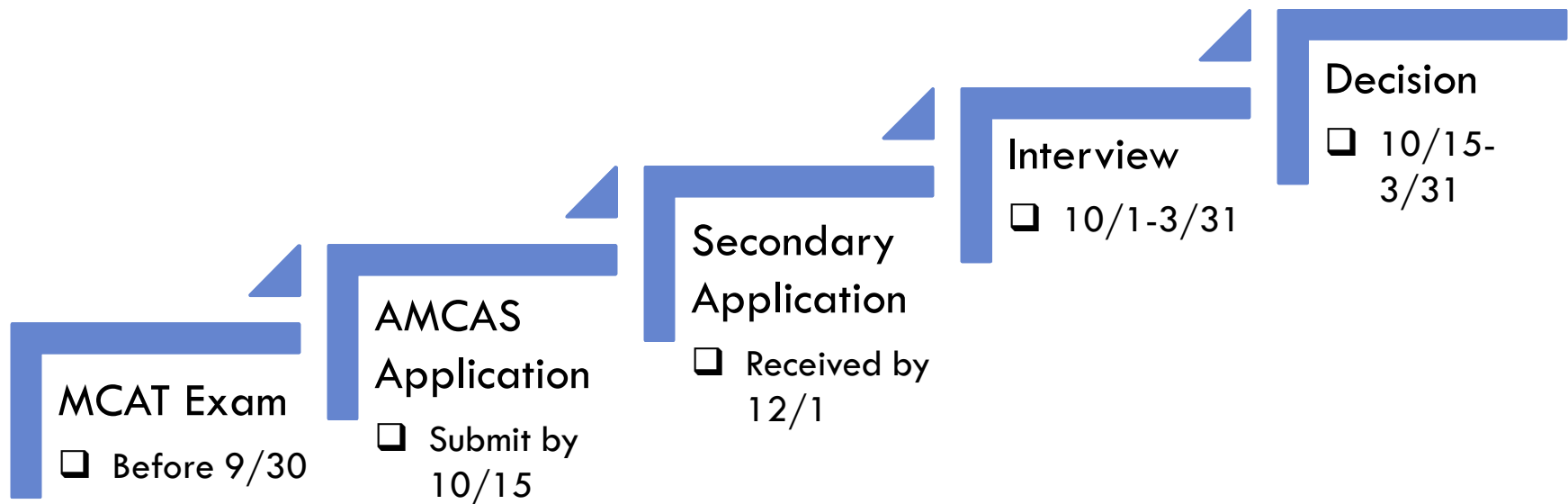
## All Applicants

- ❑ Meet our mission
- ❑ Knowledge of being a physician
- ❑ Understanding of current issues facing medicine
- ❑ Academic ability
- ❑ Analytical thinking
- ❑ Communication and interpersonal skills

## Out-of-Region Applicants

- ❑ Extensive record of service with underserved
- ❑ Disadvantaged background

# Application Process



# AMCAS: The Primary Application

The screenshot shows the AMCAS website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Services' and 'Publications' links, a search bar, and 'HOME' and 'SIGN IN' buttons. The AMCAS logo and AAMC logo are prominently displayed. Below the navigation bar, there are four main categories: 'Aspiring Docs', 'Applicants', 'Med Students', and 'Residents'. The 'Applicants' category is selected. The main content area features the title 'American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®)' and a large image of a young woman looking at a laptop. To the right of the image, there is a '2015 AMCAS Sign In' button and a note: 'This application is for those applying to the 2015 entering class.' Below this, there is a link to the 'Instruction Manual PDF' and a section titled 'Important Dates' with two key dates: 'January 2 2014 Fee Assistance Program Application Opens' and 'May 1 2015 AMCAS Application Opens'. On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with social media links (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube) and a 'Connect with AMCAS' section.

**Deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

AMCAS Processing Fee: \$160 for one medical school. \$36 for each additional school.

# Work/Activities

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- Insightful reflections on:
  - ▣ Domestic Physician Shadowing
  - ▣ Community Service
  - ▣ Patient Contact
  - ▣ Leadership Positions
  - ▣ Research
  - ▣ Employment
  - ▣ Military
  - ▣ Sports, Hobbies, Interests, or *any activities that are meaningful*

# Personal Comments

1. Identifying Information	2. Schools Attended	3. Biographic Information	4. Course Work	5. Work/ Activities	6. Letters of Evaluation	7. Medical Schools	8. Essay(s)	9. Standardized Tests
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**PERSONAL COMMENTS**

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school. The available space for your response is 5300 characters, or approximately one full page. You will receive an error message if you exceed the available space. For additional assistance, click "help" on the tool bar at the top of the screen. \*

[What information should I consider including in my personal comments?](#)

**ESSAY(S) ▶**

Personal Comments	Incomplete

- 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

# UWSOM Secondary Application

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- Applicants complete the secondary application online:
  - Additional statements
  - Course requirement worksheet
  - Letters of recommendation
  - TRUST Application
  - Idaho Residency Certification
  - \$35 application fee
  
- **Deadline: December 1st, 2014**



# Premedical Course Requirements



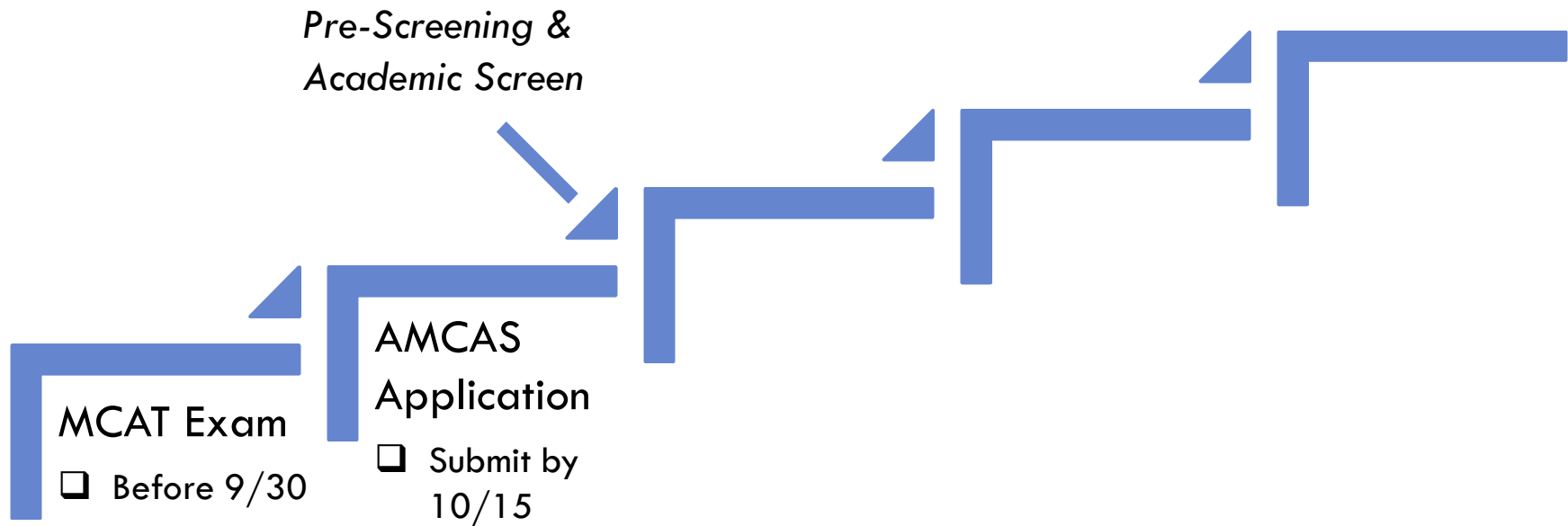
- 4 semesters or 6 quarters of Social Sciences or Humanities
- 6 semesters or 9 quarters of Chemistry and Biology
  - general chemistry, general biology, biochemistry, molecular genetics, and cell biology/cell physiology
- 2 semesters or 3 quarters of Physics; or 1 semester or 2 quarters of Physics plus 1 semester or 2 quarters of calculus or linear algebra

# Letters of Recommendation

- Required: a committee letter or 3 letters of recommendation
  - ▣ Well-rounded picture of applicant
- An additional 3 letters will be accepted



# Application Process



# Preliminary Screening



- Applicants with low GPA AND low MCAT score could be rejected
- International students without United States permanent residency or citizenship will be rejected
- Applicants who have three previous applications will be rejected

# Statistical Outline of Idaho Applicant Pool (157) and Entering Class (30) as of 5/29/14

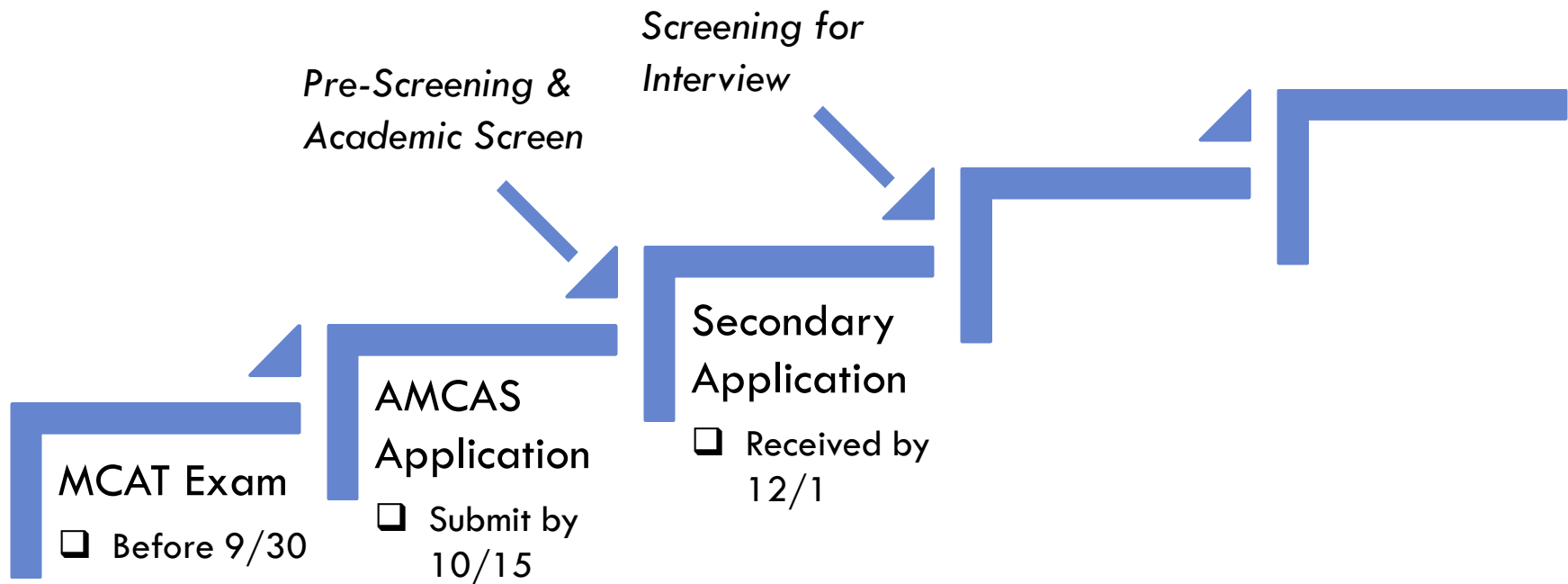
	Applied	Offered	Entering
Undergraduate GPA and Standard Deviation	3.61 (0.27)	3.68 (0.25)	3.70 (0.24)
MCAT Mean and Standard Deviation	Applied	Offered	Entering
Verbal	9.52 (1.99)	10.00 (1.24)	9.83 (1.13)
Physical Science	9.32 (2.09)	9.97 (1.82)	9.60 (1.65)
Biological Science	10.12 (1.91)	10.85 (1.46)	10.63 (1.30)

# Preliminary Screening (cont.)



- WWAMI applicants above the academic cut off will get a secondary
  
- Non-WWAMI applicants above the academic cut off will get a secondary if they:
  - ▣ Demonstrate commitment to working with underserved
  - ▣ Come from a disadvantaged background

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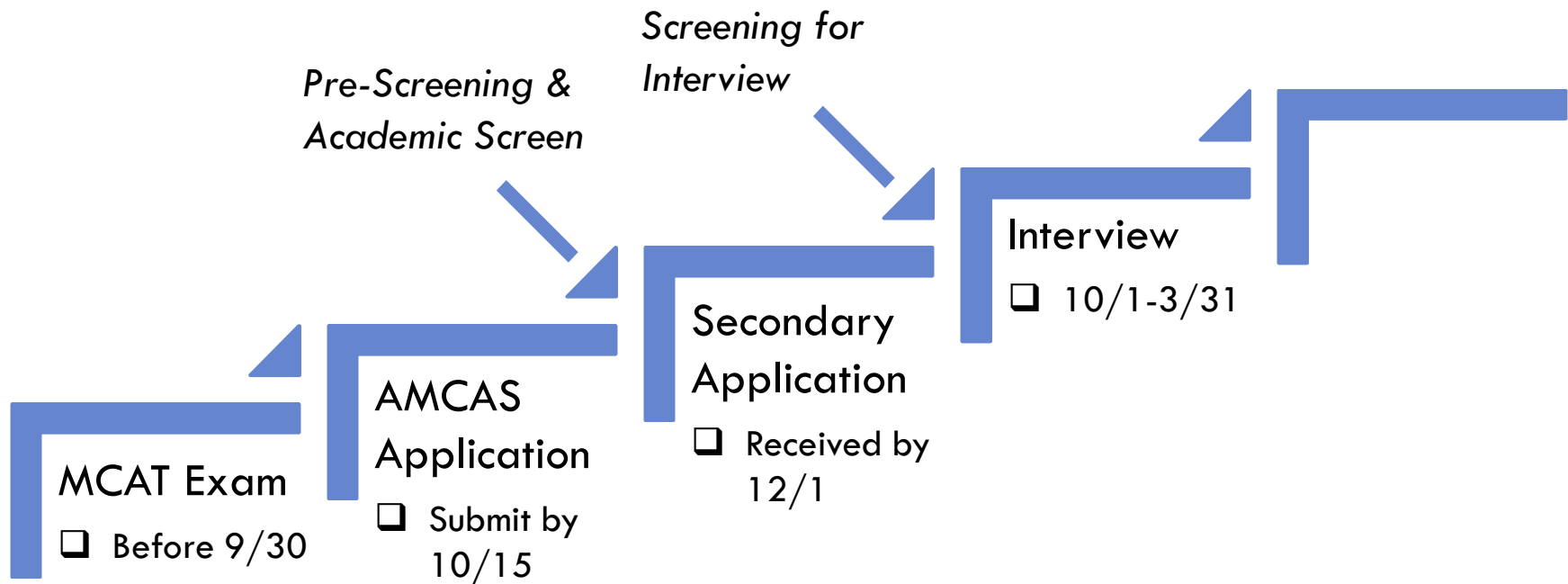
# Screening Applications



- Complete applications are reviewed by two to three screeners for an invitation to interview.
- Idaho applicants with two negative screens will go to the Idaho Executive Committee Member for a final review.
- Decision to extend an interview can take up to 6 weeks.



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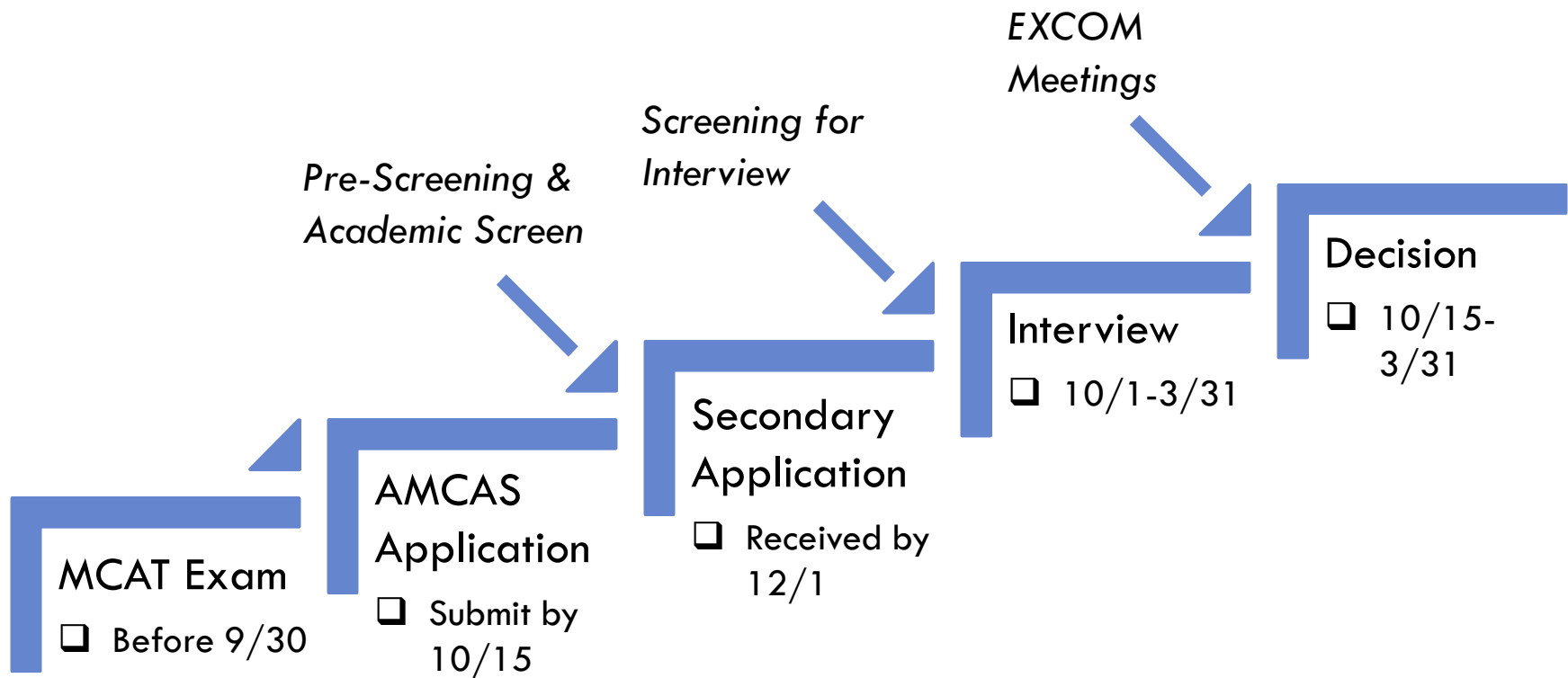


# Interview



- 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
  
- Idaho residents will interview in Boise or in Seattle

# Application Process



# 2014 Applicant Pool and Entering Class as of 5/29/14

State of Legal Residence	Applied	Interviewed	Offered	Entering
Washington	841	406	134	121*
Wyoming	59	42	21	20
Alaska	89	43	22	20
Montana	96	65	31	30
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>
Non-WWAMI MD	4,501	71	20	11
Non-WWAMI MD/PhD	386	38	17	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,129</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>240</b>

\*Includes 1 MD/PhD Student

# 2014 Idaho Applicant Pool and Entering Class as of 5/29/14

Gender	Applied	Offered	Entering
Female	45	14	11
Male	112	25	19
Age at Application	Applied	Offered	Entering
Female	(19) 23 (34)	(21) 24 (28)	(21) 24 (28)
Male	(21) 25 (55)	(21) 25 (34)	(21) 25 (32)
(XX) YY (ZZ): (XX)=Youngest, YY=Median, (ZZ)=Oldest			

# For More Information

## Visit Our Website

<http://www.uwmedicine.org/admissions>

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

## Contact Our Office

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