

Medical School Application Cycle Timeline

	January	February	March	April	May	June		July	August	Sept	October	Nov	Dec	January	February	March	April		May	June		
MCAT	Ideally, take no later than May (scores take ~one month to score; ideal to submit AMCAS application after score received)						SUBMIT AMCAS APPLICATION (June to first week of July)															
Solicit / Collect Letters of Recommendation (LOR)	LORs can be stored through Interfolio (www.interfolio.com) and subsequently be submitted to AMCAS at the time of secondaries (ideal to be ready for LOR submission by early July)																					
AMCAS Preparation - Activities Section		Begin brainstorming / outlining possible "activities," including summaries of experiences, anecdotes/highlights, start date/end date/total hours of activities, etc.; consider which activities may be the three most significant for application																				
AMCAS Preparation - Personal Statement			Using ideas generated from Activities Section, brainstorming and personal reflections, begin outlining / articulating your interest in a career in medicine; use specific examples that demonstrate your competencies and depth of experiences																			
Transcripts					Have transcripts from <u>all</u> colleges attended sent to AMCAS; for current students, we highly recommend you wait for Spring grades before submitting Stanford transcripts																	
Secondary Applications									Submit secondary applications, ideally within 2-3 weeks of initial receipt; consider brainstorming answers for common and school-specific questions													
Interviews									Prepare for and attend traditional and MMI interviews, utilizing mock interview resources in UAR, Hume Center, BEAM													
Financial Aid Considerations															Prepare FAFSA for merit and need-based aid							
Wrap-Up																	Update and thank those who supported you throughout your pre-med / application process					

April 30 deadline to accept only one medical school offer; okay to remain on multiple wait lists