AAMC Group on Student Affairs (GSA)

Admissions Community Call

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AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call

Committee Announcements

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Call Agenda:

- **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - Lina Mehta, MD, Chair, GSA Committee on Admissions

- **AAMC Update** – Geoffrey Young, PhD, Sr. Director, Student Affairs and Programs, Brandon Hunter, Director, Student Affairs

- **MCAT Update** – Cynthia A. Searcy, Ph.D., Senior Director, MCAT Research and Development

- **AMCAS** – Patrick Fritz, Senior Director, AMCAS, Director, PJ Kania, AMCAS Product Management

- **Open Discussion and Q & A** - moderated by Lina Mehta, MD, COA Chair
Student Affairs and Programs

- Survey: Impacts of COVID-19 on Medical School Admissions
- Creating Opportunities for engaging colleagues
  - GSA Community Call
  - Admissions Community Call
- Weekly Meetings with the Committee on Admissions
- Webinars
  - Topics:
    - Alternate Grading During Academic Disruption
    - Demonstrating Competence in an Unconventional Application Year
- Active and engaged listening and resource creation/dissemination
MSAR Admission Policies and Information

Update your COVID-19 related policy changes. **We suggest using the following template.**

**Response to COVID-19 - Information for 2021 Admissions Cycle**

Please note the following information regarding coursework, labs and letters of evaluation:

- **Pass/Fail Coursework** - Sample content - Your information goes here.
- **Online Coursework and Labs** - Information will go here to tell applicants how this will be handled at your school.
- **Letters of Evaluation** - Sample content - Describe policies here.
AAMC Resources

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) and The MCAT Exam
  https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/coronavirus-mcat-faqs/

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) and AMCAS

- CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND THE FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESOURCE HUB
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Key Principles for Upcoming Cycle

Based on feedback from discussions with admissions staff:

• Understand that all stakeholders (schools, applicants, AMCAS) will need to be flexible in their approach to supporting the AY21 cycle

• Try to be minimally disruptive to the current process as possible, knowing that there will be challenges and gaps that need to be addressed

• Each school should also look at their own processes and approaches and modify as needed

• Share challenges and best practices as we move through this difficult time
Timeline of Scenario

Current Considerations:
Data Transmission: on-time to 4 week delay
Early Decision Program: on-time to 4 week delay
Upcoming Webinars

1. April 2: 2021 Opening Cycle (Advisors) - *DONE*

2. April 14: CYMS Best Practices for Detailed Reports and Communications (Schools)

3. April 21: 2021 Opening Cycle (Applicants)

4. April 28: SAP/AMCAS Alternative Grading (Schools)
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- **COA Updates** - Lina Mehta, MD, Chair, GSA Committee on Admissions

- **Open Discussion and Q & A** - Lina Mehta, MD, Chair, GSA Committee on Admissions