

## AAMC Resource Guide for Minority Serving Institutions





## What is the AAMC?

The AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) serves and leads the academic medicine community to improve the health of all. It represents all 134 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools; approximately 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 62 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and nearly 90 academic and scientific societies. Through its many programs and services, the AAMC strengthens the world's most advanced medical care by supporting the entire spectrum of education, research, and patient care activities conducted by our member institutions. Learn more at [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)

Below is a list of AAMC resources that support undergraduate students interested in a career in medicine.

### AAMC Career Fair

The AAMC hosts an annual Minority Student Medical Career Awareness Workshops and Recruitment Fair during its annual meeting. The free workshops and recruitment fair target minority college and high school students, parents, prehealth advisors, guidance counselors, faculty, school administrators, and other individuals interested in pursuing or learning about a career in medicine. Learn more at [www.aamc.org/medicalcareerfair](http://www.aamc.org/medicalcareerfair). For additional events and announcements, visit <https://helix.aamc.org> (Click on the Events tab).

### Aspiringdocs.org

Aspiringdocs.org is a Web resource that provides information on preparing for and applying to medical school. Aspiringdocs.org features FAQs and content relevant to both traditional and nontraditional aspiring doctors, admissions counselors, and diversity affairs officers. Learn more at [www.aspiringdocs.org](http://www.aspiringdocs.org)

### Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)

SMDEP is a FREE six-week summer academic enrichment program for college freshmen and sophomore students who are interested in the fields of medicine or dentistry. SMDEP is administered at 12 program sites across the country. The program is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with direction and technical assistance provided by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Dental Education Association. Learn more at [www.smdep.org](http://www.smdep.org)

### Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR®)

MSAR® is the preeminent and reliable resource on U.S. and Canadian medical schools and is available as a printed guidebook and searchable web site. The guidebook includes in-depth information about preparing to apply to and attend medical school, as well as abridged profiles of each medical school. The MSAR Online provides comprehensive listings of each medical school and baccalaureate/M.D. programs and includes customized search and comparison tools to help identify programs that meet individual criteria. Learn more at [www.aamc.org/msar](http://www.aamc.org/msar)

### Fee Assistance Program (FAP®)

The AAMC Fee Assistance Program (FAP) assists MCAT® examinees and AMCAS® applicants who, without financial assistance, would be unable to take the MCAT or apply to medical schools that use the AMCAS application. Learn more at <https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/fap/>

### Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT®)

Virtually all U.S. and many Canadian medical schools require the MCAT exam for admission to medical school. Students can get free information online about the exam, learn how to prepare, find out when to take the exam and discover how their scores figure in the admissions process. We offer MCAT preparation support, including a free online practice test and discounts on *The Official Guide to the MCAT® Exam*. Learn more at [www.aamc.org/officialmcatguide](http://www.aamc.org/officialmcatguide)

### American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®)

AMCAS is a non-profit, centralized application processing service that is only available to applicants entering their first-year of classes at participating U.S. medical schools. Most medical schools use AMCAS as the primary application method. Advanced standing and transfer applicants should contact the medical schools directly for assistance. Learn more at <https://www.aamc.org/amcas>

### FIRST for Medical Education

The FIRST program offers a full-range of Financial Information, Resources, Services and Tools for applicants, medical school students, residents, advisors and financial aid officers. The goal of FIRST is to help medical school borrowers expand their financial literacy, make smart decisions about student loans, and manage their student debt wisely. FIRST includes many online and print resources such as the FIRST fact sheets on financial aid related topics, the interactive financial literacy module, and the Medloans® Organizer and Calculator. Learn more at <https://www.aamc.org/services/first/>

### Group on Student Affairs (GSA)

The purpose of the Group on Student Affairs (GSA) is to advance medical education and, specifically, to represent the interests of medical schools and medical students in the areas of admissions, student affairs, financial aid, diversity affairs, and student records. The function of the GSA is to facilitate interaction among the institutional representatives with responsibilities in these areas. Learn more at [www.aamc.org/members/gsa](http://www.aamc.org/members/gsa)

### Committee on Diversity Affairs (CODA)

CODA is a committee of the GSA focused on medical student-related diversity with respect to student recruitment, admission, matriculation, retention and graduation, in its efforts to increase the diversity of the healthcare workforce. CODA represents the medical schools' Diversity Affairs Representatives. Each medical school's Diversity Affairs Representative works collaboratively with premedical advisors, student organizations, other medical education stakeholders and others interested in promoting diversity in medical education. Learn more at [www.aamc.org/coda](http://www.aamc.org/coda)

### The GREAT Group

The GREAT Group (Group on Graduate Research, Education, and Training) provides professional development to, and fosters the exchange of information and ideas among, the faculty and administrative leaders of biomedical PhD, MD-PhD, and postdoctoral programs. The Group functions as a national forum to help these programs achieve their goal of educating successful biomedical researchers. Among their activities, the training leaders have developed informational websites for students considering a career in medical research, found at: [www.aamc.org/phd](http://www.aamc.org/phd) and [www.aamc.org/mdphd](http://www.aamc.org/mdphd). Learn more at [www.aamc.org/great](http://www.aamc.org/great)

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