**Timeline for Students Planning to Enter Medical School in Fall 2023**

*Note: we are in – to use the cliché – unprecedented and uncertain times. This timeline is subject to change, and you may experience circumstances that make parts of this timeline difficult. We are here to help: please always feel free to reach out to your pre-med tutors and talk. We will work through this together and you will become a fantastic doctor!*

*Note 2: Take advantage of OCS resources early and often! Highlights – with their timeframes – listed below:*

* + - [Applying to Med School](https://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/applying-to-medical-school) (November)
    - [Financing a Medical Education](https://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/financial-aid) (February)
    - [Personal Statement](https://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/personal-statement) and other essay writing workshop (February)
    - [Selecting Schools](https://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/selecting-school) (March)
    - [AMCAS](https://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/amcas) (April)
    - Weekly Q/A webinars for applicants (May-June)
    - [Interview workshop](https://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/medical-interview) (September)
    - Medical School Info Sessions and Admissions staff visits (fall and spring terms)

***Pre-Med Applicant Timeline:***

**January 2022**- Register for Spring MCAT. See http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/ for registration deadlines and score release schedule, as well as any COVID updates to the MCAT schedule.   
- Request letters of recommendation for April 1. Have them sent to: Office of the Resident Dean, Cabot House, 60 Linnaean St., Cambridge, MA 02138-7521. Include signed waiver form.

- Note: Letters may be submitted electronically to [ac\_cabot@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:ac_cabot@fas.harvard.edu) **only if** they are typed on letterhead and include the full signature of your recommenders.

- All letters, whether sent physically or electronically, must be accompanied by the Recommendation Letter Request Form filled out by both you and your recommender (found on the Pre-Med section of the Cabot website)  
  
**February 14, 2022**  
- Submit an electronic version of your Personal Information Form to the Academic Coordinator for Cabot (ac\_cabot@fas.harvard.edu) in Office of the Resident Dean by February 17, 2020. Advisors will be assigned only after your PIF is received.

**February/March 2022**  
- Email your adviser and arrange to meet with them 1-3 times before June 1 or before you leave for the summer.  
- Request letters of recommendation from faculty and teaching fellows of second semester courses – rec letters from current courses should be in by June 1.   
- Meet with your adviser at least once by April 1.  
  
**May 2022**- AMCAS opens at the beginning of the month (but cannot be submitted until June). Start inputting your information. AMCAS closing date varies by school: the earliest closing date is October 1 and latest closing date is December 15.   
- Take note of any non-AMCAS schools on your list and plan to submit your information as required in a timely fashion. (There are very few of these.) – **please let the Academic Coordinator and the Pre-Med tutors know if you are applying to non-AMCAS schools.**  
- Meet with your adviser for a second time by mid-May. Arrange third meeting if necessary.  
- Advisers will submit first draft of your House Letter to the Pre-Med Committee by June 1. Letters will be revised in collaboration with the Resident Tutors.  
  
**CRITICAL: Before you leave or by June 1.**

* If you are graduating or anticipate changing your email address, please leave this information with the Academic Coordinator and Pre-Med tutors before you leave.
* Submit AMCAS ID and MCAT scores to the Academic coordinator and pre-med tutors as they become available.
* All recommendations you have requested should be in the Office of the Resident Dean. **It is your responsibility to be sure they arrive!**
* Your House Letter and recommendation letters will be submitted as electronic PDFs via VirtualEvals. A few medical schools will require letters to be submitted by mail, in which case you should plan to leave stamped and addressed envelopes with the Academic Coordinator. Please speak with the Academic Coordinator and pre-med tutors about such exceptions.

**June 2022**  
- AMCAS opens for submission of complete applications on or around **June 1**. Submit your AMCAS application *early*to take advantage of rolling interview and admission offers. **Please submit within the first week of AMCAS opening**. Once an application is submitted and all Official Transcripts are received it can take up to 4-6 weeks for an application to be processed.   
- Request transcripts from Registrar's Office to be sent to AMCAS and any non-AMCAS schools.  
  
**July 2022**  
- Begin working on your secondary applications as they come in – you should get these back to your schools in 1-2 weeks

**August 15, 2022**

-House uploads your packet of letters

-This is the Harvard-wide upload date and medical schools are aware to expect your letter packet on this date.  
  
**September 2022**  
- Aim to complete all your secondary applications by the beginning of fall semester – maximum 2 week turnaround on these   
- Contact Resident Tutors to schedule mock interview before your first scheduled interview.

- Stay tuned for quad-wide MMI; if you have an MMI before this, reach out to your NRT and/or resident tutors.

**September 2022 through March 2023**  
- Interviews - Good Luck!  
  
**February 2023**  
- If you believe new information will be particularly helpful for your application, be sure to get those to the medical schools. Stay in touch with your advisers.  
  
**By August 2023**  
- Notify your adviser and Office of the Resident Dean of school you decide to attend.