Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How many applicants will receive admissions?
A. Five applicants will receive admissions.

Q. Who should our letters of recommendation come from and how many should be submitted?
A. A minimum of three letters should be submitted from someone you have interacted with in an employment, volunteer, or clinical setting. In addition, we recommend letters from teachers, professors or mentors who can speak to your academic qualities.

Q. The people I selected to write a letter on my behalf have not received instructions on how to submit their letters. What should I do?
A. Ask letter writers to check their spam/junk folder. The auto generated email comes from noreply@medicine.arizona.edu with the subject line beginning with: Please provide Letter of Recommendation for ___________________.
   *If they are still unable to locate the email, they may send their letter directly to admissions@medicine.arizona.edu

Q. Will students receive a bachelor’s degree in 3 years?
A. Students will not receive a bachelor’s degree. They will complete undergraduate coursework that will prepare them for the MD Curriculum. After successfully completing the APME program, students will receive their MD degree in an additional four years. (Seven years in total)

Q. The supplemental questions state a minimum of 350 words but allows me to submit more, will my answer be cut off?
A. Your entire answer will be included in the application; however, the goal is to provide your answer in 350 words or less.

Q. When will interviews take place?
A. Interviews will take place in March 2022 and will be held virtually via Zoom.

Q. When will applicants be notified of their acceptance into the program?
A. Applicants will be notified in April 2022 and will need to commit to the APME program by May 1, 2022.

Q. What happens if I am not admitted to APME?
A. If you are not admitted to APME, you can work to potentially gain admission to the Honors Early Assurance Program (HEAP). The Honors College MedCat Early Assurance Program allows for academically talented students to gain early admission to the University of Arizona’s College of Medicine—Tucson. You can view the criteria here: https://honors.arizona.edu/medcat

Q. What is the timeline for this application cycle?
A. Application Deadline: January 11th, 2022 (See full timeline below)
Q. What is the selection criteria for admissions?
A. We will conduct a holistic review of your application and will take your overall GPA, and any experiences, awards, test scores etc. you may have into consideration along with the answers to the supplemental questions. We will be looking for applicants who demonstrate specific attributes that align with the College of Medicine - Tucson’s mission and vision.

Q. Do I have to be in a College of Medicine-Tucson major as an undergraduate student?
A. No, you do not have to be in a College of Medicine- Tucson undergraduate major to participate in APME. However, there is a set course list that the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson requires for admission. Science based majors are typically recommended to ensure all required courses are covered, to see the list of requirements, you can visit this link: https://theacenter.arizona.edu/ua-college-medicine-tucson-prerequisites

Dates and Deadlines:
Application Deadline: January 31st, 2022
Application Review Begins: March 2022
Virtual Interviews Conducted: March 11, 2021
Committee Review: April 2021
Accepted applicants notified: April 2021
Accepted Students commit to APME: May 1, 2022
*Dates are subject to change