1. How much does it cost to apply?

There is no cost to apply, and you can apply to all of the UC programs with one online application.

2. What time are applications due on the deadlines?

Applications and all supporting materials are due at 12pm (PDT) on deadline dates.

3. When is my application complete?

An application is deemed complete once it is electronically submitted and all supporting documents have been received and uploaded. Supporting documents include: official transcripts of all undergraduate work, three letters of recommendation, and for applicants who have already applied to medical school, a copy of your AMCAS or AACOMAS medical school application.

4. What makes a “good” application?

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5. I applied last year; does that make me a reapplicant?

No. If you only applied to the consortium and have not applied to medical school yet, you are still a first-time applicant. Students are considered reapplicants only if they have previously applied to medical school.

6. How do I submit supporting documents?

Transcripts are accepted only via mail delivery to the central office, address given in the instructions. Letters of Recommendation are accepted via mail or sites such as Interfolio. This includes delivery by the US Postal Service, UPS, FedEx and similar delivery services. Once the online application is open you should send your supporting documents as early as possible to avoid express or overnight charges. Documents may be sent directly from the school or recommender, or, if they are in the original sealed envelope, may be sent by the student. We strongly suggest you collect all the materials first, then send them together as a packet.

7. How can I check to see if my supporting documents have been received?

Log in to your application and go to the “Supporting Documents” section. An icon appears once they have been received and processed. It is not possible to check on the status of your supporting documents until you have submitted your application.

8. How long does it take for supporting documents to be uploaded once they are received by the central office?

Approximately 10 business days after they have been delivered to the central office, although due to the large amount of materials received, it can sometimes take longer. Documents are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is advantageous to send them as early as possible.

9. I applied last year; can I use the supporting documents I submitted then?
In most cases, yes, since the central office keeps copies of materials submitted in previous years, but it is necessary to send new transcripts if they have changed. You are also strongly encouraged to get letters of recommendation with the most up-to-date information.

10. Is it okay to send my supporting documents before I submit my application?

Yes, you can send supporting documents once our application has opened. Supporting documents are stored until your electronic application is submitted. Once submitted, it can take up to 10 business days for supporting materials to be uploaded to the application.

11. How many letters of recommendation can I submit?

Only three letters will be accepted. Additional letters will not be added to your file. All letters of recommendation are required to have a statement of confidentiality be filled out by the applicant and sent to the central office:


12. How and when will I find out about acceptance?

You will be notified by the individual programs only if you are granted an interview and if you are accepted. The timetable for the decisions varies. Although we are a consortium, each program has its own selection process and timetable. If you have questions regarding interview or acceptance decisions, you should contact the programs directly. Links with contact information for each program are available on the main page. The central office is not involved in the selection process.

13. Are the UC Postbac programs only designed for Pre-Medical students?

Our Postbaccalaureate programs are designed to assist students in gaining admission to medical school. Pre-medical students will have priority, since our programs are specifically structured to support pre-medical students.

14. Do I need to be a California resident?

All applicants must be California residents. Undocumented students who reside in California are eligible to apply.

15. What is the general application process timeline?

In general our application opens the first week of January, deadline tends to be mid march for 1st time applicants. Our programs accept applicants on a rolling admission process, therefore we recommend you apply as soon as you are ready. To be considered "complete" the online application and all supporting documents must be received and uploaded before deadlines. Schools review on their own time and offer interviews. Then offer acceptances and rejections as they choose to. Some programs start as early as Summer and then end the following Spring/Summer.

16. What defines a Reapplicant?

Students are considered reapplicants only if they have previously applied to medical school and were unsuccessful in getting into any US medical school.

17. How do you let people know that certain classes are in progress?
You choose the option "In Progress" where you would enter the grade. Please submit your most up-to-date transcripts as soon as possible. Do not wait for grades from In Progress courses if these grades will be available after the application deadline. If the programs need the transcripts for In Progress classes, they will contact you directly.

18. How many copies of my supporting material do I need to submit, if I am applying to multiple programs?

Only one copy of all your supporting documents needs to be submitted to the central office. The central office will automatically distribute copies of your materials to all of the programs you have selected for submission. Once you have completed and submitted your online application, you will be able to check on which supporting materials have been received and the status of your application. You must log in first then view your submitted application under "User Application(s)". Please allow ten business days for received materials to be uploaded.

19. Should I apply for FAFSA?

Yes. File under: 2nd bachelors and 5th year/other undergraduate. Completing your FAFSA is required to help each individual program determine the financial aid that you qualify for.

20. Are the UC Post-bac Consortium programs: Academic record-enhancers, or Career changers?

Our UC Post-bac Consortium programs are academic record-enhancer programs, focused on improving GPA and MCAT scores in order for you to become more competitive for medical school. You can search for career changer Post-bac programs and others via the AAMC website: apps.aamc.org/Post-bac/#/index

21. Can I access the application before it opens in January?

No.