

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Committee on Admissions
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The Entering Class of 2020

The number and quality of applicants for the entering class of 2020 were high. We had a total of 5,020 applicants, with Illinois residents comprising approximately 34% of the total. Nationally, there was a 1.1% increase in the applicant pool compared to 2019. For the University of Illinois, there was a 12.5% decrease in the applicant pool compared to 2019. This decrease was seen predominantly in the out-of-state applicant pool; applications from Illinois remained similar to the year before. All candidates for admission were interviewed by faculty, staff, and medical students. We conducted 722 interviews. Total offers made in 2020 decreased by 5% compared to 2019, 522 offers versus 550; and 299 students enrolled.

Of the total applicant pool, 976 were considered under-represented in medicine (URiM) candidates, showing a decrease of 16% in contrast to 1,158 from the previous year. Total offers made to URiM applicants was significantly higher compared to 2019, 207 versus 152. The number of URiM matriculants increased by 59% compared to 2019 (102 versus 64 enrollees).

The College offers several special curricular programs which continue to experience strong interest from applicants. Of the entire entering class usually 28% of the students participate in one of these programs.

- The Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP) and the Rural Medical Education (RMED) programs aim to identify and recommend candidates who are best suited for a rural medical practice. This year, 25 matriculants (8% of total enrollment) are participating in these programs.
- The Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) at the Chicago campus prepares medical scientists to advance biomedical and clinical research, and to become leaders in academic medicine. This year, 18 students (6% of total enrollment) entered through MSTP.
- In 2020, the College offered four scholarly concentration programs which considered applicants after their admission to the MD program: the Clinician-Executive Medicine (CE-Med), Global Medicine (GMED), Innovation Medicine (IMed), and Urban Medicine (UMED) programs. Each of the programs focuses on particular interests, such as leadership in global health, the convergence of medicine and technology, and leadership in urban and underserved communities. Combined, these four programs enrolled 54 students (18% of total enrollment).

- The Guaranteed Professional Program Admissions (GPPA) program seeks to attract high-achieving high school students to UIC by offering simultaneous acceptance to the undergraduate as well as to the College of Medicine. In 2020, 35 GPPA students enrolled as freshmen at UIC and 25 enrolled into the College of Medicine for 9% of the total enrollment.

Status of the Entering Class of 2021

The entering class of 2021 will matriculate on August 9th. This year our applicant pool increased by approximately 51 % from 2020 (7573 vs 5020); the national pool increased by 18 %. As of July 18, 2021, the incoming class is comprised of 41% URiM, 56% female, and 69% Illinois residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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