The Committee on Admissions is responsible for setting the policies and procedures for admitting students into the University of Illinois College of Medicine. These responsibilities include developing the criteria and standards for the evaluation of candidates, the procedures for the application process, the procedures for the review of applications, and the procedures for the acceptance of candidates. In addition to developing the policies and procedures, the committee members actively participate in the process of evaluating candidates. The Committee on Admissions is responsible for admitting candidates to all three University of Illinois College of Medicine campuses—Chicago, Peoria, and Rockford.

The committee is comprised of elected faculty and appointed students. The faculty members and students are representative of the three University of Illinois College of Medicine campuses. The Committee on Admissions meets monthly.

During the 2020-2021 application cycle, the Committee on Admissions received 7575 applications. After multiple layers of evaluation, 757 candidates were interviewed. Each candidate interview session consisted of one unstructured interview with a faculty member and seven Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs). The COVID-19 pandemic forced a change in the interview process; all interviews were conducted virtually.

In addition to traditional applicants, the Committee on Admissions evaluated candidates for the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) housed on the Chicago campus, the Rural Medicine Program (RMED) housed on the Rockford campus, and the Rural Medicine Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP) available on both the Peoria and the Rockford campuses. The work of the Committee on Admissions during 2020-2021 application cycle resulted in 316 new students entering the College—202 in Chicago, 63 in Peoria, and 51 in Rockford. This number included 15 new MSTP students, 22 new students into the RMED program, and 7 new students (5 of which are also part of the RMED program) in RIMSAP.
The Guaranteed Professional Program Admissions (GPPA) program attracts select high school students to the University of Illinois Chicago and the University of Illinois College of Medicine by offering simultaneous acceptance to the University as an undergraduate as well as into College of Medicine. Forty-six students from the GPPA program matriculated into the College of Medicine with the class entering in August 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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