

**SUMP
Application/Eligibility
Frequently Asked
Questions**

Application Questions

When does the application officially close?

The online application portal will close on Friday, March 2nd at 11:59 pm ET. All application documents, including your letter of recommendation, must be received by the aforementioned date and time for your application to be considered.

Where do I send my transcripts?

After you upload your unofficial transcript(s) (PDF) in the Document Uploads section, you must request an official transcript from your undergraduate institution to be either electronically sent to: cara.stephenson-hunter@einsteinmed.org or mailed to:

Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Jack and Peal Resnick Campus
1300 Morris Park Avenue, Block Bldg Rm 438
Attn: Dr. Cara Stephenson-Hunter

Please Note: We will not accept transcripts mailed or emailed directly by anyone other than your undergraduate institution.

Does the letter of recommendation writer have to be a professor?

No. However, we encourage you to ask individuals who know you well and who can speak strongly about your performance in the areas listed on the application. See the link to the letter of recommendation form here. [SUMP Faculty Recommendation Form](#)

Where and how does my letter of recommendation writer send my recommendation?

Once you have entered the letter of recommendation writer's contact information in your application, an email is automatically sent to your letter of recommendation writer to inform the writer that you selected him/her to complete a letter of recommendation. The email includes a link containing a faculty recommendation form which must be submitted by the the application deadline on March 2nd at 5pm ET.

Please Note: Your recommendation writer will need time to complete his/her portion of the application, so please submit the name and e-mail address early in the application process and be sure to verify the e-mail address with the person who will be writing the recommendation.

What do I do if my letter of recommendation writer has not received the email containing the link to the faculty recommendation form?

First, check to make sure that the recommendation writer's email address you provided on your application is accurate. If there is an error, you must email us. (see email and instructions below)

Next, ask your recommendation writer to check his/her junk mail for the recommendation email.

If your letter of recommendation writer is unable to locate the email or if there is an error in the address you provided, send us an email explaining your issue including **your full name**, along with the **full name, title and email address of your letter of recommendation writer** @: hcoe.sump@gmail.com

How do I know when my application documents (transcript & letter of recommendation) have been received?

You will receive an automated email when your letter of recommendation is received. We notify all applicants, 2-4 weeks prior to the application close-date if we have not received the official transcripts.

Please note that as the application deadline approaches, it may take up to 1 week to respond to email inquiries about the status of transcripts and other application documents. Therefore, you should check in with your academic institution (for transcripts) or letter of recommendation writer for the status of these documents before emailing SUMP.

When and how will I hear if I have been accepted or not?

We email acceptances beginning in early April. We allow candidates 7 days to confirm acceptance. If a candidate declines or does not confirm acceptance within 7 days, we offer placement to candidates on our wait-list. Since we receive over 100 applications each spring, it may take a few weeks (mid-April) for us to send out all decisions by email. However, please be assured that all applicants will be notified of their status by the first week of May.

Eligibility Questions

I live outside of NY. Am I eligible for SUMP?

Yes. However, SUMP does not provide housing, nor do we have information on available housing in the area. Applicants must have or be able to secure their own housing in or around NY and commute to and from the program daily during the summer.

Could I still apply to SUMP if I haven't completed all of my premed courses?

Yes. However, you must have completed at least two, preferably three, college level science courses prior to the start of the summer program.

I recently completed my undergraduate degree. Am I still eligible?

Yes. We accept recent graduates up to 3 years post-graduation from an undergraduate institution as long as they have not been accepted to or enrolled in a graduate degree program or a post-baccalaureate program providing conditional acceptance to medical school.

Do I have to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to apply?

No. A GPA under a 3.0 may still be considered. Since application submissions are viewed holistically, we encourage you to explain any academic gaps and/or blemishes in your application.

I am not considered an Underrepresented in Medicine (URM) group member. Can I still be considered for SUMP?

Yes. SUMP accepts candidates from all racial and ethnic groups. Priority is given to applicants considered disadvantaged, which includes students from economically and/or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds (of all races and ethnicities), as well as those from racial/ethnic groups historically underrepresented in Medicine (URM).