



Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Policy Title: Deferral of Admission Policy

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Applies to: This policy applies to WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine medical school MD applicants

Date: 4/10/2020

1.0 Policy Statement:

It is the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine policy that applicants accepted to the College of Medicine MD program matriculate in the entering year to which they are accepted. Should an exception be justified under limited and rare circumstances, accepted applicants may request a one-year deferral of matriculation.

2.1 Definitions

Limited and rare circumstances: Circumstances for which one-year deferrals may be granted include but are not limited to:

- Newly diagnosed and/or severe medical condition
- Unanticipated family hardship
- Meaningful and irreplaceable educational opportunity
- Completion of military service

Deferral: An approved one-year period following acceptance into the College of Medicine that delays the start of the applicant's matriculation.

3.0 Responsibility

Senior Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs

4.0 Procedures

The request must be submitted in writing to the Senior Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs and received by June 1 of the acceptance year. The applicant is required to follow the procedures detailed in this policy. The request must include the reasons for requesting the deferral and where applicable, what the applicant aims to accomplish during the deferral year.

AMCAS requires all accepted applicants who are granted deferrals to submit a new AMCAS application for the year they will matriculate no later than the school's application deadline for deferred candidates, which is October 1st. The deferred applicant is not required to pay the AMCAS fee if they are committing to Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine and will not apply to other medical schools during the deferred application cycle.

If the applicant intends to apply to other medical schools, the deferred applicant forfeits

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their admission to WSU College of Medicine and is responsible for all AMCAS fees associated with any re-application.

To activate the acceptance for admission in the subsequent academic year, the deferred applicant must accept the offer of admission during the application cycle for which the applicant has submitted a deferred application. In addition, the applicant will submit a statement of activities during the deferral year, official transcripts for any academic work attempted or completed since the commencement of the deferral year, and any other documents required by the Office of Admissions, Student Affairs, and Inclusion, no later than June 1st of the matriculation year.

If the applicant does not activate his or her acceptance to WSU College of Medicine within the acceptance decision deadline, the acceptance is withdrawn. If the applicant wishes to reapply, a new AMCAS application, secondary application, and supporting documents and required fees, must be submitted. Their consideration for an interview or an acceptance in a subsequent application cycle is not guaranteed.

Applicants who are contemplating the pursuit of other academic degrees or travel should strongly consider delaying application until they are ready to matriculate, if accepted, into WSU College of Medicine

5.0 Related Policies

Medical Student Selection Policy AD.12.01.170211

6.0 Key Search Words

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