



# WY'EAST POST-BACCALAUREATE PATHWAY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. How do I apply?

- a. The Wy'east online primary application will be found at [www.ohsu.edu/nativehealth](http://www.ohsu.edu/nativehealth) starting April 1, 2020.
- b. A completed application will consist of:
  - i. Submission of online application
  - ii. Unofficial transcripts emailed to [nativehealth@ohsu.edu](mailto:nativehealth@ohsu.edu)
  - iii. Submission of two letters of recommendation emailed\* to [nativehealth@ohsu.edu](mailto:nativehealth@ohsu.edu) OR postmarked by May 31, 2020. Send letters to:

Oregon Health & Science University  
Northwest Native American Center of Excellence Mail Code: CL2N  
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park RD Portland, Oregon 97239

*\*letters of recommendation can only be emailed by the recommender*

## 2. What is the Wy'east Application Process?

- a. The application opens Monday, April 1, 2020
- b. The Secondary application, and all supporting materials, are due by Sunday, May 31, 2020
- c. The online application consists of:
  - i. A primary application
  - ii. Secondary applications for OHSU and/or the WSU College of Medicine will be emailed within 3 business days after submitting the primary application.
- d. Mid-June 2020 are the in-person interviews at WSU College of Medicine's headquarters in Spokane, WA. Interviewees are responsible for their own travel and lodging. There is no available funding for travel or lodging assistance at this time. In the event that large gatherings are not allowed on the interview date due to COVID-19, virtual interviews will be conducted.

## 3. I'm not available to interview June, 2020. Can I interview a different day?

- a. No. Unfortunately we cannot change our interview day and no alternative interview days will be available. See above for COVID-19 considerations.

## 4. Who should write my letters of recommendation?

- a. College instructors, pre-health advisors, employers, etc. Anyone who can attest to your professional and academic abilities. Choose people who are able to comment on your ability to succeed in the Wy'east post-bac and as a medical professional.





## 5. Who is Wy'east for?

- a. The Wy'east Pathway is for students who have unsuccessfully applied to medical school or who do not possess a qualifying MCAT score for medical school.

## 6. Who is eligible?

- a. Eligibility includes:
  - i. Bachelor's degree
  - ii. Previously taken the MCAT\*
  - iii. Overall GPA 2.8 or greater
  - iv. American Indian or Alaska Native from a federally recognized tribe.
  - v. Meet the WA residency or ties to the state

*\*Note: If your MCAT test date was canceled by the AAMC due to COVID-19, we will still consider you for acceptance into the Wy'east pathway. If this is the case, please email your cancellation correspondence from the AAMC to [nativehealth@ohsu.edu](mailto:nativehealth@ohsu.edu). Please also include your rescheduled test date. If you have yet to reschedule your test date, you will be expected to take the MCAT at some point in the 2020 calendar year.*

## 7. Will I receive a Certificate or Degree?

- a. No. Official certificate or degree will be awarded upon completion of the Wy'east Pathway.

## 8. Can I receive Financial Aid?

- a. No, you cannot receive Financial Aid through the Wy'east Pathway. Wy'east is not an official program at OHSU and you will not be considered an OHSU student. The Financial Aid Office cannot be used to receive scholarship funds on behalf of a Wy'east scholar.

## 9. How does the WSU College of Medicine consider applicants?

- a. When the primary application is complete, it will be sent to the College of Medicine to determine eligibility for the secondary application.
- b. The WSU College of Medicine secondary application will be sent to those who meet the requirements.
- c. Interviews and acceptance as a scholar at Wy'east for the college will be determined by the WSU College of Medicine.
- d. The Wy'east Pathway is held at OHSU regardless of which medical school the scholar is conditionally accepted to.
- e. The WSU College of Medicine will select up to 4 scholars to attend Wy'east with conditional acceptance to the college.





**10. What does Conditional Acceptance to WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine mean?**

- a. Conditional acceptance at the WSU College of Medicine means that if a Wy'east scholar selected by the college meets the requirements for entry into the program and successfully completes the Wy'east pathway in June 2021, they will matriculate into the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine in August of 2021 as first year medical students.

**11. What's required to successfully complete the Wy'east Pathway for the WSU College of Medicine?**

- a. Successful completion of the Wy'east Pathway includes:
  - i. Meeting a combination threshold of undergraduate overall GPA and MCAT composite score as follows:
    - 1. If undergraduate cumulative GPA is 3.8 – 4.0, then 27th percentile rank or higher on the MCAT
    - 2. If undergraduate cumulative GPA is 3.4 – 3.79, then 43rd percentile rank or higher on the MCAT
    - 3. If undergraduate cumulative GPA is 2.6 – 3.39, then 61st percentile rank or higher on the MCAT
  - ii. Satisfactorily meeting Wy'east Pathway policies including, but not limited to:
    - 1. Attending all classes with no unexcused absences,
    - 2. Obtaining a passing score during each end-of-block exam,
    - 3. Completion of all weekly quizzes, and
    - 4. Professionalism in all aspects of pathway activities.
  - iii. Formal AMCAS application and WSU College of Medicine Secondary application in the 2020 cycle for entry in August 2021.
  - iv. Successful interview with the WSU College of Medicine during the regular interview cycle.
  - v. A more detailed handbook will be reviewed during Wy'east orientation.

**12. Will I need to resubmit my AMCAS Application, a Secondary, and interview for entry into the WSU College of Medicine?**

- a. To qualify for conditional acceptance scholars will need to submit an AMCAS application no later than October 15, 2020.
- b. Scholars will need to also submit a WSU College of Medicine Secondary application no later than December 1, 2020.
- c. Scholars will also be required to attend an interview day in Spokane, WA to formally interview for their conditional acceptance.

**13. Will I have to retake the MCAT?**

- a. Only if you do not meet one of the combination thresholds in 11.i above. If you do not, you must retest in the spring of the pathway year.

**14. Will Wy'east pay for my MCAT?**

- a. There is no dedicated funding to pay for Wy'east Scholars MCAT exam. Please plan on paying for your MCAT exam in spring of the Pathway year.





**15. Can I attend remotely?**

- a. No. Online courses are not offered at this time.

**16. Move to Portland, Oregon?**

- a. All scholars will be responsible for moving costs to Portland, Oregon.

**17. Will I receive a stipend?**

- a. Yes, participants will receive a monthly stipend of \$1114 while enrolled in Wy'east. The amount of the stipend depends on number of scholars who matriculate into the Pathway and is subject to change.
- b. It is expected that scholars will need to supplement their living expenses with additional funding through maintaining part-time employment, or some other funding opportunity.

**18. What is the Wy'east Academic schedule?**

- a. Wy'east Academic Pathway will be half days 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Friday with flexible clinical shadowing hours in the afternoon once per week during the fall.
- b. The Pathway is September, 2020 – June, 2021.
- c. Scholars receive a two-week Winter Break, and a two-week Spring break.

**19. As a Wy'east Scholar am I considered an OHSU student?**

- a. Wy'east is not an official program at OHSU and you will not be considered an OHSU student. No credit is offered through Wy'east and no degree awarded.

**Please Note Regarding Funding:**

OHSU cannot accept scholarship funds on behalf of a Wy'east scholar. This program does not have access to use OHSU Financial Aid Office and most scholarship programs require use of the Financial Aid Office. You will NOT be eligible for financial aid as you are technically not considered a student while in the Wy'east Pathway per Financial Aid rules and regulations. Please make sure you are able to afford living expenses if you do not have access to scholarship or loan programs.

**Any questions please contact:**

[nativehealth@ohsu.edu](mailto:nativehealth@ohsu.edu)

**More information at:**

[WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine - Pathway Programs](http://www.wsu.edu/Elson_S._Floyd_College_of_Medicine_-_Pathway_Programs)

