

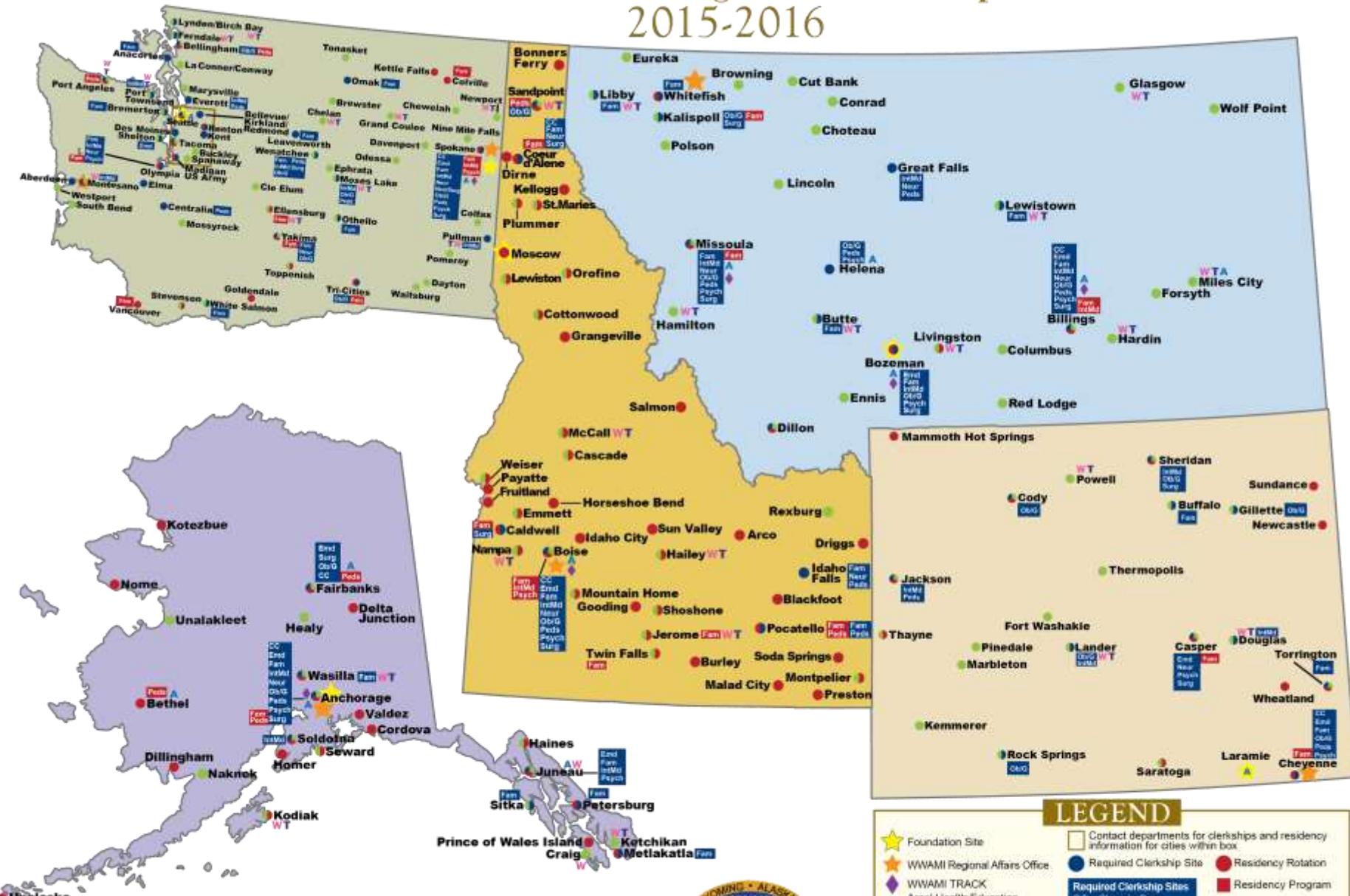
# **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

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# The UWSOM is Committed to:

- The states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI)
- Training physicians of all specialties to practice in our region
  - ▣ Recognizing the special importance of training primary care doctors
- Contributing to biomedical research
- Treating underserved patients, locally and globally
- Providing educational opportunities for the educationally and economically disadvantaged

# WWAMI Program Site Map 2015-2016



**UW Medicine**  
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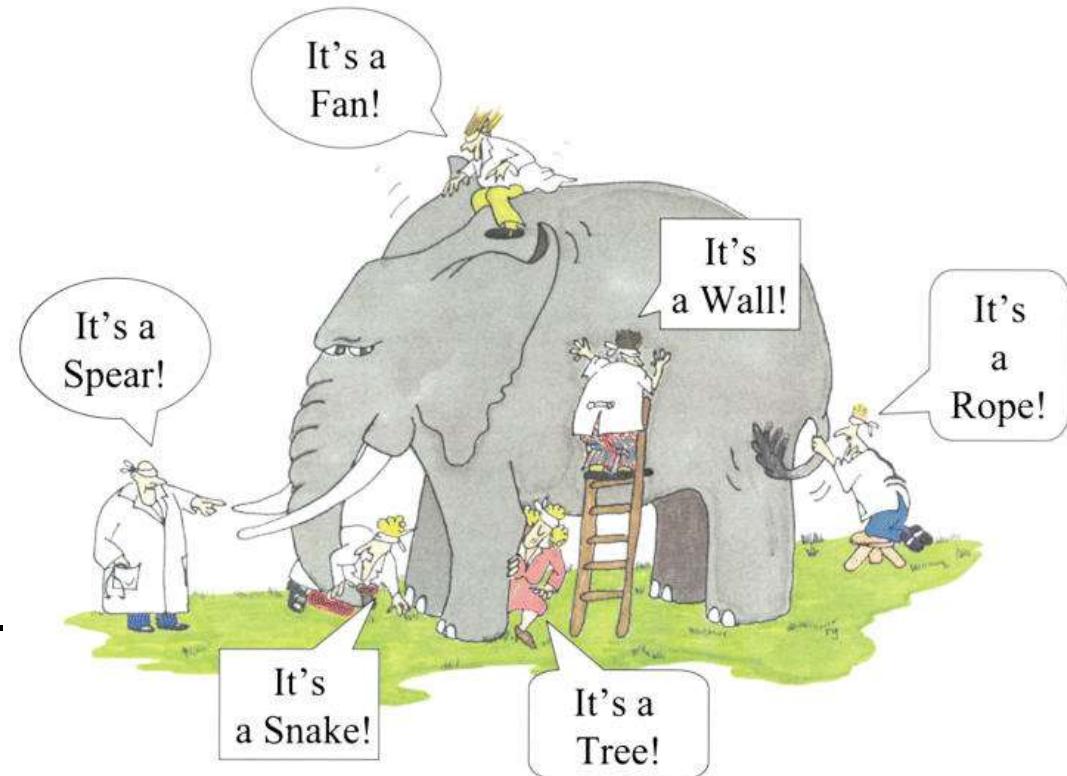


# What Are We Looking For?

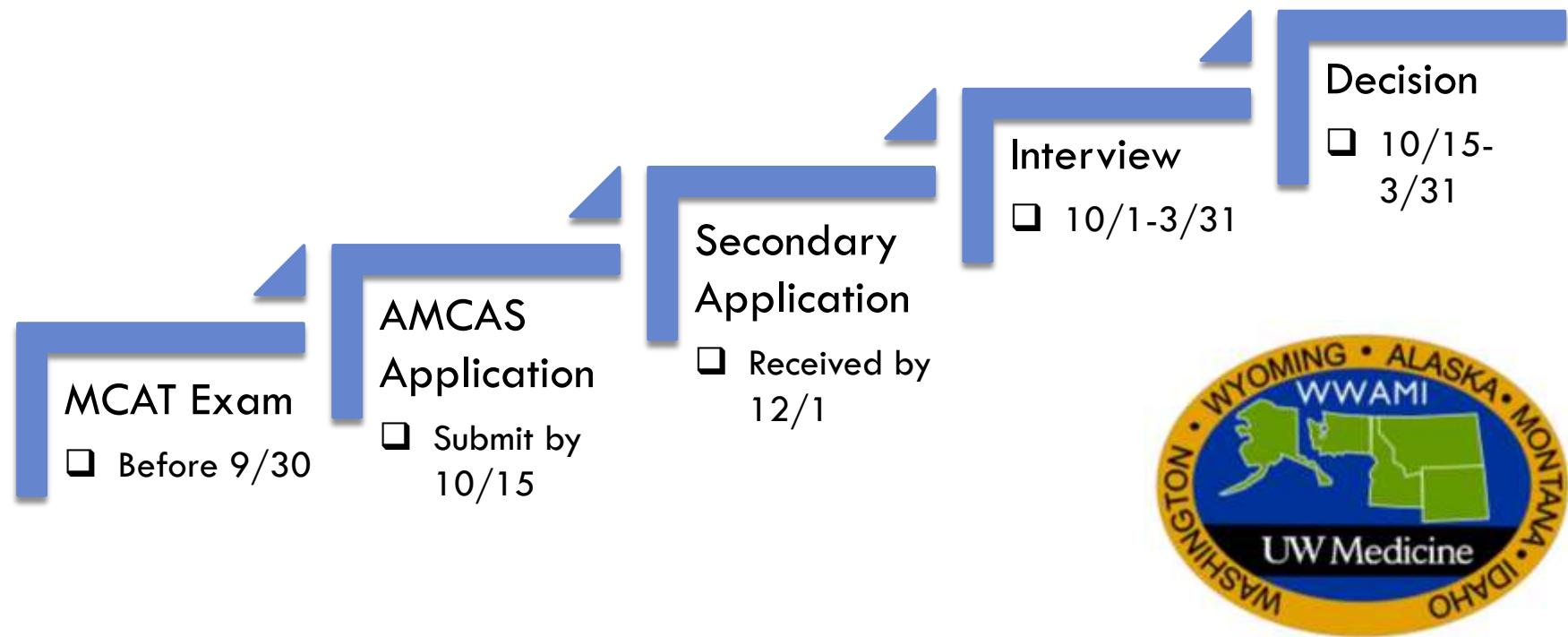
- Students who will meet our mission(s)
- Understanding of the practice of medicine
- Commitment to service and desire to work with patients
- Personal characteristics
  - ▣ Maturity, empathy, resilience, responsibility, leadership, strong communication skills, cultural competence
- Analytical thinking and academic ability
- Out-of-region applicants: all of the above, plus disadvantaged background and/or extensive service with the underserved

# What is “Holistic Review”?

- Taking into consideration all aspects of the application to provide us with the most accurate impression of the applicant
- Allows for a mission-driven application process



# Application Process



# AMCAS: The Primary Application

 **Applying to Medical School with AMCAS®**

*The American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) is the AAMC's centralized medical school application processing service. Most U.S. medical schools use AMCAS as the primary application method for their first-year entering classes.*



**2017 AMCAS® Sign In ➤**

*This application is for those applying to the 2017 entering class.*

*As of May 13, 2016 at 8:09 a.m. ET AMCAS is marking as "Received" transcripts delivered on May 9, 2016.*

**Contact AMCAS®**

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. ET  
Closed Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. ET

 [AMCAS@AAMC.ORG](mailto:AMCAS@AAMC.ORG)

 [202-828-0600](tel:202-828-0600)

**Connect with AMCAS**

**Deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

AMCAS Processing Fee:  
\$160 for one medical school;  
\$38 for each additional school.

# Getting Your AMCAS Application Ready

- ❑ Know the admissions requirements at each school (e.g. deadlines, MCAT/GPA cutoffs, etc.)
- ❑ Obtain copies of your transcripts
- ❑ Make sure you have access to a computer that meets AMCAS system and browser requirements
- ❑ Make payment arrangements

# Submitting Your AMCAS Application

- Submitting early is GOOD, but submitting error-free is BETTER!
- Have someone else read your application
- Don't rely on spellcheck; make sure to proofread
- Use print option to check your data as final step before submission
- Ensure successful submission by checking Main Menu

# Experiences

- Reflection, reflection, reflection!
- Don't want a list of what you've done or procedures you've seen
- The Committee wants to know what you have learned, how you've grown, and how your experiences have shaped you
- Make sure to include shadowing, patient exposure, leadership, and service

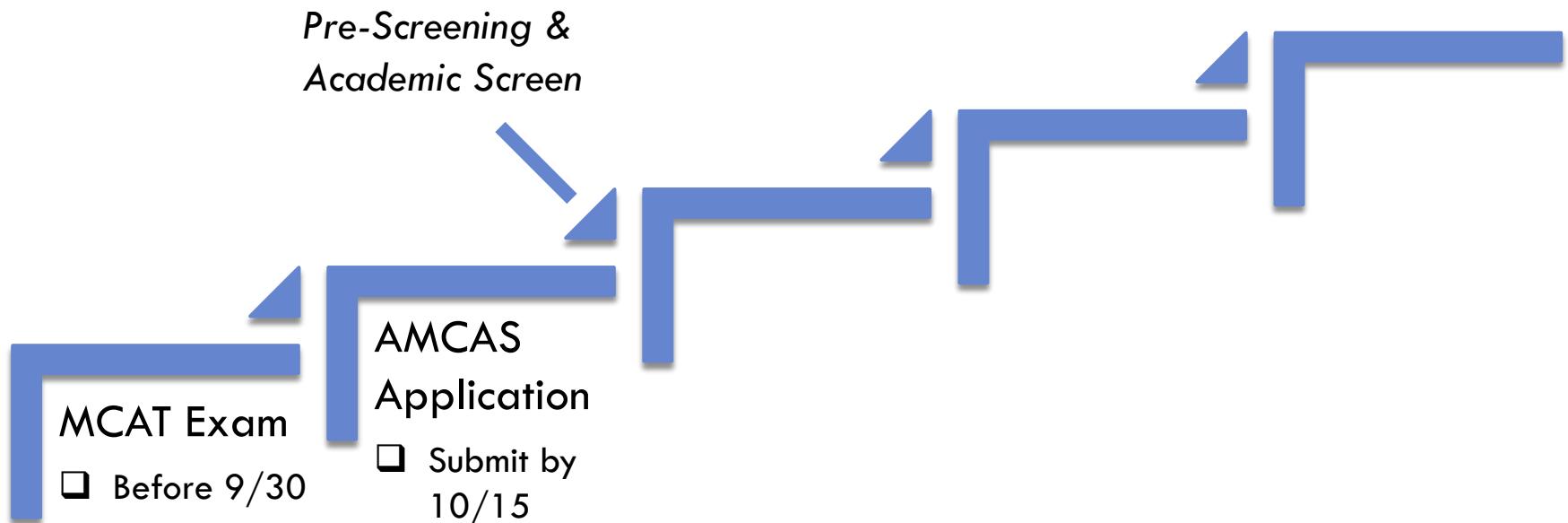
# Personal Statement



For the UWSOM, either your AMCAS statement or secondary application must include:

- A description of prior experiences in health care
- Steps taken to explore a career in medicine
- Eventual goals as a physician
- Motivation for medicine

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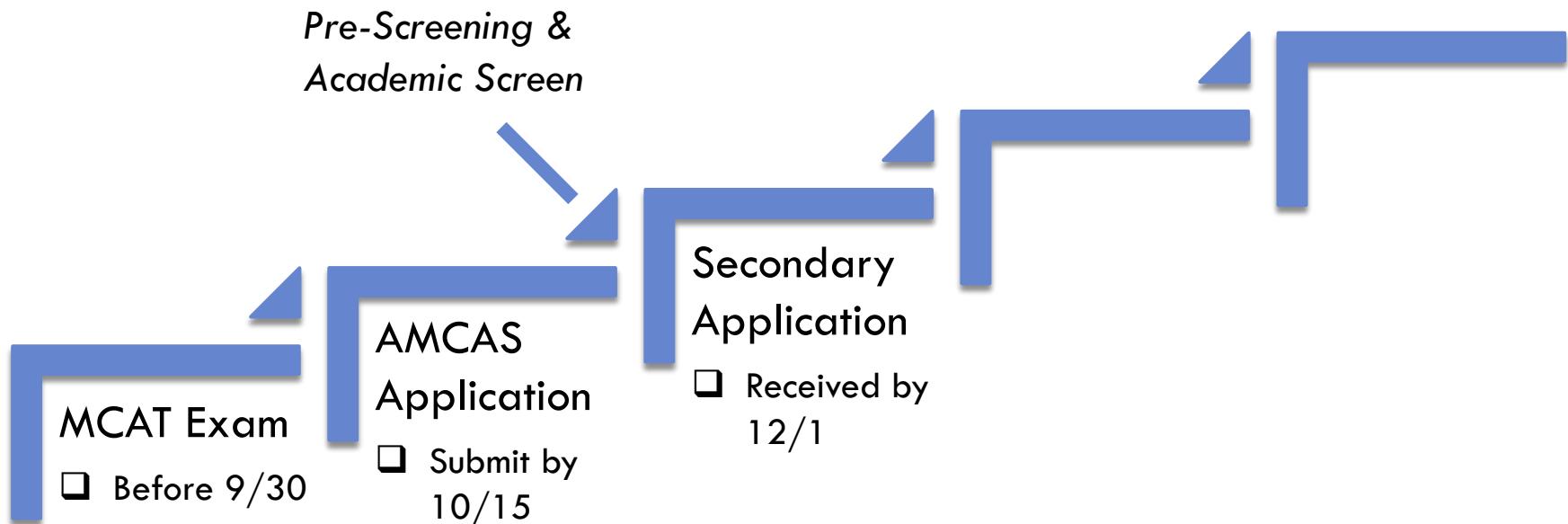
# Preliminary Screening

- Applicants with low GPA AND low MCAT score could be rejected
- Applicants without United States permanent residency or citizenship will be rejected
- Applicants with 3 previously completed applications will be rejected

# Preliminary Screening

- WWAMI applicants who meet the criteria will be invited to complete a secondary application
- Non-WWAMI applicants who meet the criteria will receive an additional screening, and will be invited to complete the secondary if they:
  - ▣ Come from a disadvantaged background, and/or
  - ▣ Have demonstrated a commitment to working with the underserved

# Application Process



# UWSOM Secondary Application

The following materials are required to complete the secondary application:

- Additional statements (can see on our website)
- Letters of recommendation
- Idaho residency certification
- \$35 application fee
- TRUST application (optional)

**Deadline: December 1st, 2016**

# Letters of Recommendation

- Required: a committee letter or 3 letters of recommendation
  - Want to see a well-rounded picture of applicant
- An additional 3 letters will be accepted



# Targeted Rural Underserved Track



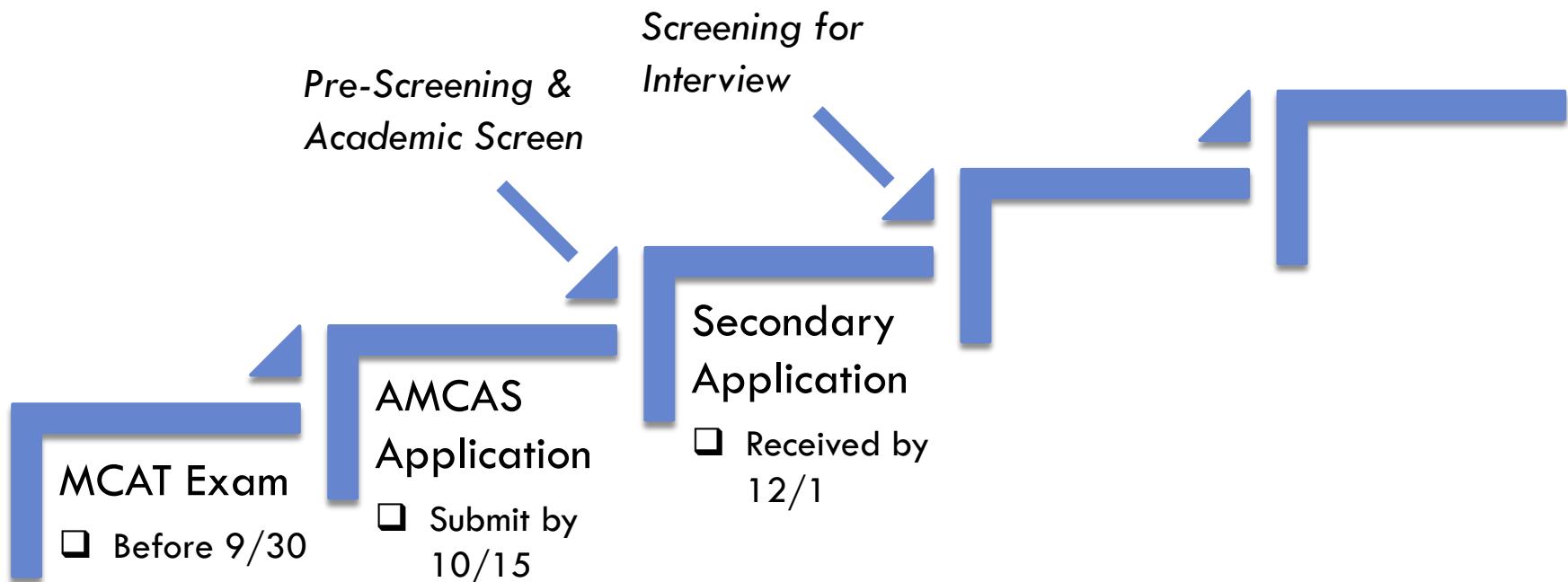
If you're interested in applying to TRUST, you will need to be able to discuss:

- Why you are interested in rural/underserved medicine
- What is different about rural/underserved medicine and what challenges these communities face
- Examples and specifics from what you have witnessed in a rural/underserved setting

# Premedical Course Requirements

- 4 semesters or 6 quarters of Social Sciences or Humanities
- 6 semesters or 9 quarters of Chemistry and Biology
  - ▣ General chemistry, general biology, biochemistry, molecular genetics, and cell biology/cell physiology
- 2 semesters or 3 quarters of Physics; or 1 semester or 2 quarters of Physics plus 1 semester or 2 quarters of calculus or linear algebra

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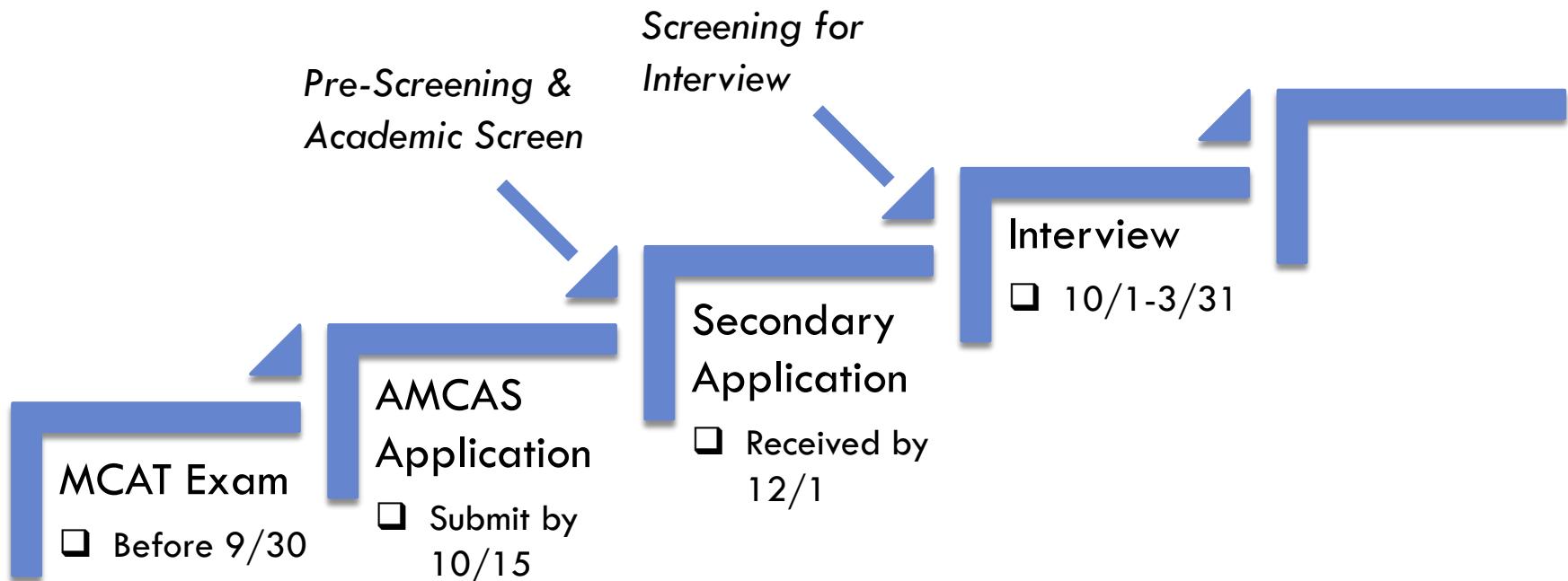
# Screening Applications

- Complete applications are reviewed by two to three screeners to determine whether an applicant will interview
- Idaho applicants with two negative screens will go to the Idaho Executive Committee Member for a final review
- Screening process and interview invitation can take up to six weeks

# Considerations When Screening

- Experiences/Activities
  - Shadowing
  - Experiences that are consistent with goals
- Academic Ability
  - Upward trajectory
  - GPA and MCAT are consistent
- Clear and coherent motivation for medicine
- Letters of recommendation

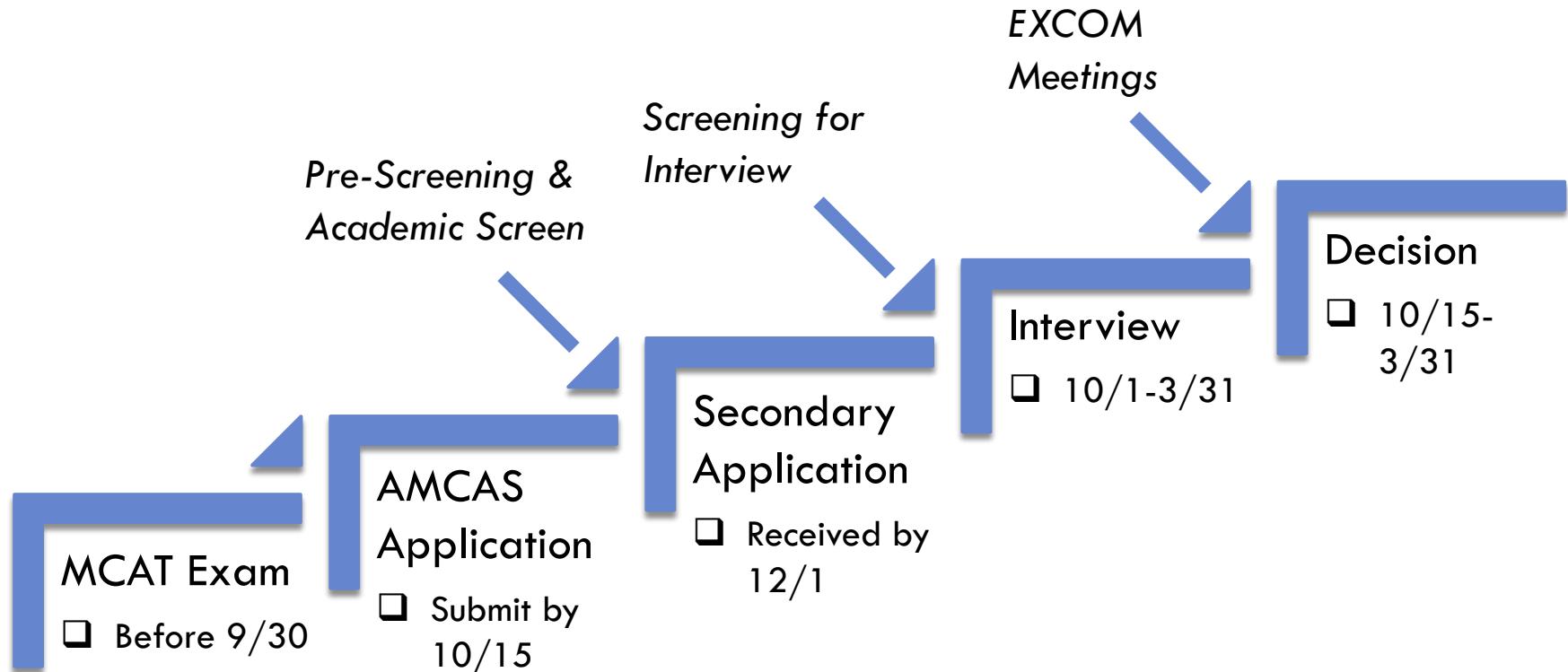
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# Interviews

- Panel interviews: 30 minutes, three interviewers + applicant
- Executive Committee member (EXCOM) has your complete file, but two other interviewers will not see MCAT scores or grades
- Interview impressions and recommendations are forwarded to Executive Committee
- All Idaho residents will interview in Boise during one week in January or one week in February; interviews are scheduled approximately one month in advance

# Application Process



# Final Decisions

- Washington/out-of-region applicants will be accepted throughout the interview season, from October-March
- Idaho applicants will receive an update on their application after their interview week concludes
- Final decisions for all Idaho applicants will be sent out after second week of interviews in February

# 2016 Applicant Pool & Entering Class

<b>State of Legal Residence</b>	<b>Applied</b>	<b>Interviewed</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Entering</b>
Washington	965	449	158*	143*
Wyoming	61	44	22	20
Alaska	79	55	21	20
Montana	103	66	34	30
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>
Non-WWAMI MD	6,975	82	23	10
Non-WWAMI MD/PhD	430	40	20	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,777</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>270</b>

\*Includes 1 MD/PhD Student; all data as of 5/13/16

# 2016 ID Applicant Pool & Entering Class

Gender	Applied	Offered	Entering
Female	59	19	16
Male	105	26	24

Age at Application	Applied	Offered	Entering
Female	(22) 25 (33)	(22) 25 (30)	(22) 25 (30)
Male	(21) 26 (40)	(22) 26 (34)	(22) 26 (34)

(XX) YY (ZZ): (XX)=Youngest, YY=Median, (ZZ)=Oldest

# 2016 ID Applicant Pool & Entering Class

	Applied	Offered	Entering
Overall undergrad GPA	3.63	3.68	3.67
January 2015 & earlier MCAT mean percentile	73 <sup>rd</sup> percentile	73 <sup>rd</sup> percentile	67 <sup>th</sup> percentile
February 2015 & later MCAT mean percentile	61 <sup>st</sup> percentile	68 <sup>th</sup> percentile	64 <sup>th</sup> percentile

Data as of 5/13/16

# 2016 GPA/MCAT for WWAMI Applicants

E-2016 MD Statistics																	
MCAT Percentile Rank	0-14		15-26		27-42		43-60		61-78		79-90		91-96		97-100		
Undergraduate GPA	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	acc	tot	
3.80-4.00	0	1	1	3	1	6	3	25	24	73	23	91	21	57	20	67	
3.60-3.79	0	2	0	7	2	21	11	37	24	94	21	121	23	80	2	36	
3.40-3.59	0	2	0	9	2	27	12	56	19	88	12	85	5	50	2	15	
3.20-3.39	0	2	0	5	1	21	5	28	10	54	3	40	2	10	3	8	
3.00-3.19	0	4	0	3	1	11	1	19	1	18	1	23	0	4	0	5	
2.80-2.99	0	5	0	3	0	4	1	10	0	8	1	4	0	4	0	1	
2.60-2.79	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	
2.40-2.59	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
2.20-2.39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2.00-2.19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1.47-1.99	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	0	19	1	35	7	93	33	179	78	338	61	368	51	207	27	132	

Statistics as of 4/21/2016

WWAMI applicants only

Includes WA MSTP

Latest MCAT Percentile Rank was used

GPA is total undergraduate GPA

Most applicants who were accepted with lower than average college GPAs had taken additional post graduate course work and performed well.

Green acc = all those accepted

Grey tot = total applied

Red = not accepted

# Thank You!

## Visit Our Website

[http://www.uwmedicine.org/  
admissions](http://www.uwmedicine.org/admissions)

- Advice from the Admissions Dean
- Application procedure
- Resources to prepare your application
- Extensive FAQs

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