Good Afternoon Aggies!

The Preparing to Apply Series will continue this Monday, Feb. 8th at 12:10 pm with all about Writing Your Experiences Section! Register here.

All events and programming for our Preparing to Apply Series will be via Zoom and recorded. We highly encourage attending live when possible to stay engaged and be able to ask your questions live. When possible, we highly encourage turning your camera on and unmute/chat (we miss you all!). Follow us on Facebook to stay updated on when and where recordings will be available.

We have added 2 new Personal Statement workshops to the General HPA Calendar! Learn more here.

The next email will be sent next week! Don’t forget to see our Listserv Archive for previous emails and Application Tips.

Application Prep Tip: Struggling with your Personal Statement? Not sure how to continue or how to start? It might be time to speak with an HPA advisor. Schedule an appointment here or come to drop-ins. Applicants typically work on their personal statement over many months, and typically finish in June/month they apply, so we highly encourage starting now. More details on the HPA Personal Statement Recording and drop-ins below.

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Register for Monday's: Writing Experiences

Register here.

Why you should attend: the experiences section should go beyond what you did in the experience, it should also connect to competencies and reflect on what you learned. Learn how to get started, what information you need for the experiences section, Dos and Don'ts, and reminders from one of HPA's staff advisors. This workshop is for all prospective health profession applicants. All questions are encouraged!

Registration for all WQ Preparing to Apply events are available now!

Register at the main Preparing to Apply Series page, here.

Retreat Recording

HPA highly encourages all prospective applicants to watch our Upcoming Applicant Retreat recording if they were unable to attend or stay the whole time. We went over the applicant timeline and what to focus on when, how to start the writing components like the personal statement and experiences, LORs, and more. Watch the recording by clicking on the image!

Personal Statement Recording

Showing who you are and the value you bring to healthcare

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general structure, and more. We highly encourage applicants to watch the video before they begin drafting or while editing their own work. Schedule a one-on-one advising appointment to edit your PS here or come by drop-in advising.

SAVE THE DATES: FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Writing Your Vet School Personal Statements Webinar**
Thursday, February 4th 12:10 pm PST
Zoom link to be provided at hpa.ucdavis.edu/programs/events

**Writing Your Dental School Personal Statement Webinar**
Friday, February 12th 12:10 pm PST
Zoom link to be provided at hpa.ucdavis.edu/programs/events

**PREPARING TO APPLY SERIES**

**Preparing to Take Your Test**
11 am | Monday, February 22nd | via Zoom

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**Preparing to Apply for MD/PhD Programs Webinar**
Tuesday, February 23rd
12:10 - 1:30 pm PST
Zoom link to be provided at hpa.ucdavis.edu/programs/events

**Creating a Theme in Your Application Webinar**
Friday, February 26th 2:10 pm PST
Zoom link to be provided at hpa.ucdavis.edu/programs/events

**Virtual Womxn in Healthcare Symposium**
Saturday, February 27th
9 am - 4 pm PST (Zoom)
Topics include: reproductive healthcare, healthcare inequalities, LGBTQ+, mental health, and more!
Register at hpa.ucdavis.edu/womninhealthcare

**Reminder**
Drop-In Advising Updates

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HPA Advising

HPA is here to advise you on throughout the application process. We highly encourage scheduling meetings/attending drop-in advising frequently and early in order to prepare to apply early. All questions and topics are welcome during scheduled 30 minute advising and 15 minute drop-in advising that relate to your pre-health journey.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION UPDATES

VMCAS Updates and Events

Veterinary Medical School Admissions Requirements Website

Please encourage your pre-vet students to review the Veterinary Medical School Admissions Requirements Website (https://applytovetschool.org) for the most up-to-date information for enrollment in 2022. This website is complimentary access and allows prospective applicants and advisors to filter by multiple criteria and now includes a new comparison feature.

VMCAS 2022 Application Cycle Launched yesterday, January 21, 2021

We are excited to announce that the VMCAS Application for Fall 2022 enrollment is now open! Students can complete the Personal Information, Academic History, and Supporting Information sections of the application. On May 12, 2021, students will be able to select schools, complete the school-specific information, and submit applications. Of note for this cycle:

- **VMCAS Changes:** One main VMCAS essay question (no longer 3 essay questions), ability to add an alternate email address, and ability to designate up to 5 most important experiences.
- **Moving to a Fee Waiver program** and we have expanded funding and eligibility for the program. Fee Waivers will not be available until May 12, 2021, when applicants are able to submit.
- **VMCAS Webinars** for applicants and advisors have been scheduled through the spring, and additional dates will be added throughout the application cycle: www.aavmc.org/becoming-a-veterinarian/webinars-events

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https://t.e2ma.net/webview/r44h2c/5d6727a0d169738819e13cbb7460eb99
How to Apply webpage, [www.aavmc.org/becoming-a-veterinarian/how-to-apply](http://www.aavmc.org/becoming-a-veterinarian/how-to-apply), and sign up for one of the VMCAS 2022 Application Overview webinars.

**Veterinary Medical Admissions Virtual Fair - March 31, 2021**

Register to participate in AAVMC's Virtual Admissions fair on March 31, 2021, from 11 am-5 pm Eastern Time. This is a free event for students and advisors and is an excellent opportunity for you to learn about the application process and communicate with veterinary medicine programs. To register, please go to [www.careereco.com/events/aavmc](http://www.careereco.com/events/aavmc).

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**AAMC Update**

The [AAMC Fee Assistance Program](http://www.aamc.org) provides financial assistance to individuals who, without this aid, would find it difficult to take the MCAT, apply to medical schools that use AMCAS, and fulfill other application obligations. **The 2021 Fee Assistance Program application opens Feb. 8, 2021.**

Here are some resources to help your advisees apply and get the most out of the program:

- [2021 Fee Assistance Program Essentials](http://www.aamc.org)
- [What You Need to Apply](http://www.aamc.org)
- [How the Fee Assistance Program Supported My Premed Journey](http://www.aamc.org)

Join us **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 2 p.m. ET**. to learn about the [2021 AAMC Fee Assistance Program](http://www.aamc.org) and how medical school applicants can save over $2,000 through the AAMC Fee Assistance Program! This 60-minute webinar will cover the 2021 Fee Assistance Program benefits, eligibility requirements, the application process, and include time for Q&A. [Register today](http://www.aamc.org).

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