

Policy for granting UCCOM interviews to SMP students.

Graduates of the Special Master's Program in Physiology who apply to the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine M.D. Program will be assured of one interview with the Office of Admissions provided they complete the program in good *academic and professional standing* and they meet the following minimum qualifications:

- 1) Earn grades no lower than a B+ (82.0%) in the three medical school courses (FoMM, FoCM, and MSK), and grades no lower than a B in all other graduate courses.
- 2) Maintain all professional standards as set forth in the Medical Student Handbook*. Student behavior will be tracked by the SMP administration. Any student who engages in serious forms of unprofessional behavior or a pattern of unprofessional behavior shall risk forfeiting their right to an interview.

Students meeting these requirements shall be interviewed by the UCCOM for the admission cycle following their graduation from the program, provided they have completed their AMCAS application by October 1 of that year. If a student has an active application while engaged in the SMP *and* is granted an interview by the COM during that year, they shall *not* then be eligible for an additional guaranteed interview in the following year.

Students graduating from the SMP should understand that the admission decision of the UCCOM employs a holistic application review that assigns considerable importance to the interview performance and includes evaluation of a wide variety of non-academic criteria (for example, medical exploration, shadowing experiences, volunteer experiences, demonstrated commitment to service, research). Therefore, earning an interview based on the above criteria should not be interpreted by the student as having met these other non-academic criteria, which will be used in determining admission to the medical school.

**Specifically including those for mandatory and punctual attendance (reliability), behavior (motivation, commitment), and appearance. The Special Master's Program uses the Medical Student Exemplary Professionalism/ Formative Feedback form to document and track issues of professionalism for students in the program.*