The JAMP Ambassador’s Quick Start Guide for JAMP Applicants

(Provided by UT Austin Health Professions Office)

Please view the Quick Start Guide and follow the steps below:

1. Go to the JAMP website: www.texasjamp.org. Read through the “Student” section to make sure you are eligible to apply and to learn more about the program.

2. Please fill out the "Notice of Intent to Apply" and drop it off with your Student Aid Reports (SAR's) for the last two years in the Health Professions Office (Painter Hall 5.03). This form allows us to collect your supporting documentation and verify your eligibility for JAMP (see list below). Please turn these in together.

3. Go to the JAMP website (www.texasjamp.org): click on Applicant Login to create your user name and password and begin the application. We will then contact you to schedule your JFD interview.

4. Once you have had your JFD interview conducted by the JAMP Program Manager you can submit the application online.

5. Go to the JAMP FAQ section of the UT Austin Health Professions website for information specific to applying at UT Austin. Please email your questions regarding JAMP at UT Austin to jamp@austin.utexas.edu.

Eligibility Requirements

- **Texas Resident and US Citizen/Permanent Resident**
- **Minimum 3.25 GPA (overall & BCMP)**
  - BCMP = Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics
  - UT holds firm on a 3.25 GPA.
  - All and any college coursework (community college, dual credit, etc.) are factored into your GPA when applying.
  - The GPA calculated for JAMP does not follow the +/- system.
- **Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) < $ 8,000 for at least one year**
  - Your EFC is the amount of money that your family has to contribute to your education if you do not have any other financial sources.
  - To find your EFC, look at your Student Aid Reports on the FAFSA website.
  - If you do not have an EFC less than 8,000 for at least one year, then you are NOT eligible to apply to the program.
- **You must be a sophomore when submitting application**
  - If you are a freshman, just wait until May to begin applying.
  - If you are a junior or senior, unfortunately, it is too late to apply to the program.
- *****Transfer Students**
  - If you completed your first year at another institution and are transferring to UT Austin to complete your degree, please schedule an appointment with the JAMP Program Manager for special instructions. To schedule the appointment, call the Health Professions Office in PAI 5.03 at (512) 471-3172.
Important Forms & Supporting Documentation

- Students are responsible for:
  - Notice of Intent to Apply
    - This form allows us to collect your supporting documentation.
    - Drop it off in the Health Professions Office (Painter Hall 5.03).
  - Student Aid Reports for both the current and previous year must be turned in with your Notice of Intent to Apply
  - You will need two letters of evaluation.
    - One faculty letter of evaluation
      - The evaluators may use the form provided by JAMP or they may write an actual letter and attach it to the form. Be sure to fill in the top section of the form before you give it to your evaluator.
      - You must select to either 1.) WAIVE your right to access the letter or 2.) RETAIN your right to access the letter. We strongly encourage you to WAIVE the right to access the letter as this underscores the honesty of the evaluation.
    - One JAMP Faculty Director (JFD) letter of evaluation. Here at UT Austin the JAMP Program Manager writes your letter of evaluation.
      - The JAMP Program Manager will only conduct interviews until one week prior to the application closing date, this changes each year and is normally around September 25th.
      - Your JAMP application cannot be submitted without this interview. We ask that you not submit your application until you have completed your interview with the JAMP Program Manager.
    - The Health Professions Office will collect your supporting documents and monitor the status of your online application. Once we have verified your eligible and you have started your application, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment with the JAMP Program Manager. This appointment/interview is an opportunity for them to talk with you about your candidacy and prepare the content of the letter of support for your application.
      - Just a note: You may not meet with the JAMP Program Manager until September, because the JFD letter is the last step in the process, it is a key part of your application! You application is not considered complete without it. We will let you know when this is scheduled for.
  - The Health Professions Office will collect the following on your behalf:
    - High School Transcript
    - High School Rank
    - ACT/SAT Scores
    - UT Transcript
    - Transcripts from other institutions which have been forwarded to UT
      - ***If you attended another institution and decided not to transfer the credit to UT, you are responsible for requesting an official transcript from that institution.

Please have it mailed to the address below:

Health Professions Office
Attn: JAMP Program Manager
The University of Texas at Austin
103 W. 24th Street, Mail Stop A2900
Austin, TX 78712
Application Information

- **Sections in the application to think about:**
  - Academic Recognition (i.e. honors societies, university honors, etc.)
  - Non-Academic Recognition (i.e. service award)
  - Leadership (i.e. officer positions, mentoring, tutoring, etc.)
  - Employment
  - Research Activities (i.e. research assistant of any discipline etc.)
  - Healthcare Activities (i.e. shadowing, volunteering at hospital, etc.)
  - Community Service (i.e. Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, etc.)
  - Extracurricular & Leisure Activities (i.e. kickboxing, swimming, dance team, etc.)

- **Essays:**
  - **Personal Statement** - The personal essay asks you to explain your motivation to seek a career in medicine. Be sure to include the value of your experiences that prepare you to be a physician. (5000 characters, including spaces)
    - Be sure to include any hardships that you and your family faced or are currently facing!
  - **Required Essay: Personal Characteristics** – Learning other is enhanced in educational settings that include individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences. Please describe your personal characteristics (background, talents, skills, etc.) or experiences that would add to the educational experience of others. (2500 characters, including spaces)
  - **Optional Essay: Unique Experience** - Briefly state any unique circumstances or life experiences that are relevant to your application. (2500 characters, including spaces)
    - This is not an area to continue your essay or reiterate what you have previously stated.
    - This area is provided to address any issues which have not previously been addressed.

Timeline of JAMP Application Process

- **Round 1: The Application**
  - The application opens in May of your freshman year.
    - Go to the JAMP website (www.texasjamp.org): click on Applicant Login to create your user name and password and begin the application.
    - Once you have completed all of the sections, submit the application online. The application for UT students is due mid- to end of September of your sophomore year.
- **Round 2: The Interview With Medical Admissions Staff**
  - Interview notifications are sent out between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
  - Not all students receive an interview.
  - Interviews take place in January.
  - Each applicant has two one-on-one interviews with medical school admissions staff for about 20 minutes each.
  - You will be notified whether or not you made it into JAMP in February/March.
  - If you are accepted into JAMP, acceptance contracts will be available early March

Past Accepted Students

- 100 students across the state of Texas are accepted into the program as members.
- There are two types of JAMP students: members and alternates.
  - Alternates are essentially placed in a wait list system.
  - If a member cannot meet the requirements, as determined by the JAMP Council, then an alternate will move out of the wait list and become a member.
Unfortunately, alternates do NOT enjoy program benefits unless they later become members.

- Accepted members typically have an overall/BCMP GPA near 3.9, while accepted alternates have an overall/BCMP GPA near 3.8. *(Note: If your GPA is not a 3.8 or 3.9, do not be discouraged to apply. Just make sure it is above 3.25!)*

Requirements Once in JAMP

- **Two Summer Internships**
  - These internships take place after sophomore and junior year during Summer Session I (May - end of June).
  - You can take any college courses during Summer Session II.
  - However, you cannot participate in a Maymester abroad program since it would conflict with the internship.
- **Maintain a GPA of 3.25 (overall and BCMP)**
  - Score a 500 or higher on the MCAT with at least a 125+ in each section

JAMP Benefits

- Guaranteed acceptance into one of the Texas medical schools
- Undergraduate scholarships
- Medical school scholarships
- Paid summer internships at the medical schools
- Paid Kaplan MCAT Prep
- Paid medical school applications
- Free t-shirts
- Monthly luncheons and other JAMP events
- Mentoring from ambassadors, advisors, and other JAMPers

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