

Special Notice to HSDM Applicants for Fall 2009

If you are applying for admission to the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) fall 2009 entering class, the following information is an overview of what you can expect during this admissions cycle. This information is accurate as of May, 2008, subject to change.

Our experience during the past two admissions cycles suggests that applicants are filing their AADSAS applications early. HSDM expects that the receipt of applications in the Admissions Office will peak in late summer, just as the fall 2008 entering class enrolls.

HSDM conducts a comprehensive admissions program. We ask your patience as we move through what is expected to be a busy admissions cycle.

Below is an outline of what you may expect during the 2009 admissions cycle:

Application Compilation:

- Acknowledgement email when we receive your paper and electronic AADSAS application.
- A onetime email listing items missing from your application.
- Assembly of credentials in the Admissions Office – letter(s) of recommendation, official DAT scores and your HSDM application fee will be added to your file until it is complete. This phase may take a little longer than you expect due to the volume of mail received by the Admissions Office at the peak of the admissions cycle.
- Email notification once your application is complete.

Application Processing:

- Complete applications are advanced to the Screening Committee of the Admissions Committee for review. Each complete application is read in its entirety by *two* members of the Admissions Committee. This process may take **up to a month or more** depending on the volume and flow of applications. Your patience is requested as we conduct a careful review.
- Application review will continue until all completed applications have been screened. This includes applications submitted to AADSAS by HSDM's December 15 deadline. Please remember that all supporting documents (HSDM application fee, official DAT scores and any outstanding letters of evaluation) **must be received by HSDM by January 15, 2009**. No exceptions will be made.

Interviews:

- You will be contacted by the Office of Admissions if you are selected for an interview.
- Applicants invited for an interview will be asked to complete a *Supplementary Questionnaire* which should be returned to the School prior to the interview date. A high school transcript will be requested at a later date to confirm Advanced Placement credits.
- Interviews will be conducted from September through February. Invited applicants will be able to select a convenient date based upon our interview schedule.

Admissions Decisions:

- Offers of admission will begin in December.
- Places in the class will remain available until all selected applicants have been interviewed.
- Applicants who have been rejected during the Screening Process will be notified on a rolling basis beginning October 1, 2008.

Expected Timetable for the 2009 Admissions Cycle

July 2008	AADSAS applications begin to arrive at HSDM
July 2008 through January 2009	<p>Application materials added to files as received. Screening of completed applications continues until all complete applications have been screened.</p> <p>All supporting documents must be received no later than January 15, 2009. No exceptions will be made. Supporting documents include HSDM's required Application Fee (\$75), your official DAT scores and any outstanding letter(s) of recommendation (if not included in your AADSAS application).</p>
September 2008 to February 2009	Interviews (by invitation only) will be conducted
October 2008	First letters of rejection will be sent. Letters will be sent on a rolling basis throughout the remainder of the admissions cycle.
December 1, 2008	First offers of admission will be mailed
January 2009	Interviews continue
February 2009	Interviews conclude by end of month
March 2009	Class selection completed
May 2009	Applicants who are holding places in more than one dental school are asked to make a final decision.
Mid to late August 2009	Class enrolls