2015 APPLICANTS TO THE MMEDIC PROGRAM

DEADLINES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Applications due. You must submit official transcripts directly to the Preprofessional Advising Office for all courses taken at Boston University and elsewhere. Grades from the Fall 2014 semester must be included.

Your experiences in Sections A and B should be listed in chronological order, beginning with the most recent. You may attach additional tables for Sections A and B as needed. Your essay must accompany the application. The essay should not exceed two pages (single-spaced).

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Letters of recommendation must be received by the Preprofessional Advising Office, 100 Bay State Road, 4th Floor. There is a minimum requirement of 3 letters of recommendation; however, you may submit more. At least one letter must be from a science or engineering professor at Boston University. See the attached information concerning letters of recommendation.

April 2015

Interviews will take place. You will be notified if you have been granted an interview. If you do not receive an interview, your application will not receive further consideration.

July 2015

Decisions will be announced by mail to your permanent address.

It is your responsibility to determine that all required material (your application, official transcripts, and your letters of recommendation) have been received by the Preprofessional Advising Office (617-353-4866). Do not assume that your material has been received. If you have questions about the application process, you may contact Dr. Zamansky at the Preprofessional Advising Office.
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

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There is a minimum requirement of three letters of recommendation. At least one must be from a science or engineering professor at Boston University. Letters of recommendation already in your file or new letters may be used. Unless the Preprofessional Advising Office is notified differently in writing, all letters of recommendation in your file at the deadline will be considered part of your application.

Letters of recommendation should be written on the Preprofessional Advising Office’s Recommendation Form or on your recommender’s letterhead stationery and attached to the Office’s Recommendation Form. Recommendation Forms, available in the Preprofessional Advising Office, should be given to each of your recommenders.

It is important to submit letters of recommendation from those who know you well, since a vague and noncommittal letter is of marginal value. The most useful letters are those related to your academic work, experience in clinical settings, community service, research activities, leadership roles, and employment. Letters of recommendation from faculty (science and non-science) and work supervisors are an important component of your application. Although you may also solicit letters of recommendation from teaching assistants, discussion leaders, or laboratory instructors, be aware that letters from faculty are usually afforded more weight. A letter from your departmental advisor is recommended, if you have had significant contact with that person. Letters from clergy, family physicians/dentists, or friends of the family are generally not helpful. Do not submit letters of recommendation from high school teachers, administrators, or guidance counselors, unless you have completed additional projects with them as a college student. The Admissions Committee is interested in evaluators who are knowledgeable and experienced in assessing your academic abilities and professional potential.

The most effective letters of recommendation are those that stress the context in which the writer knows you, the duration of his or her acquaintance with you, and your performance level as compared to other students in comparable settings. Your communication skills, interpersonal skills, laboratory performance, and personal characteristics are areas that your recommender may discuss. Cited examples of these qualities make for effective letters of recommendation. Letters from employers or supervisors of volunteer work carry the greatest weight when they include a description of duties, demonstrated initiative, capacity to assume responsibility, and identification of strengths and weaknesses.

Letters of recommendation hand-delivered by students will not be accepted. All letters should be mailed by the author directly to:

Dr. Glen B. Zamansky  
Assistant Dean for Premedical Studies  
Boston University  
Preprofessional Advising Office  
100 Bay State Road, 4th Floor  
Boston, MA 02215

You are responsible for making sure that your letters of recommendation are received in sufficient time for use in the application process. Recommendations received after the deadline will not be used. Therefore, you should start well ahead of time. Providing a stamped, addressed envelope is appropriate and will serve as a reminder to your recommenders. It is your responsibility to contact the Preprofessional Advising Office (617-353-4866) to ascertain that your letters have been received. Do not rely on your recommenders having said that they will submit your letter.