



# BROWN

## Alpert Medical School

### Admissions Process for Postbaccalaureate Linkage Candidates, 2020-2021

#### Program Description

The Postbaccalaureate Linkage represents a cooperative venture between The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and the premedical postbaccalaureate programs offered at Bryn Mawr College, Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, and Goucher College. Postbaccalaureate (PB) students enrolled in these programs may be offered admission to Alpert Medical School (AMS) during the spring semester of their first year of study, thus allowing them to matriculate to AMS in the fall. The purpose of this program is to admit highly qualified students who will add experiential diversity to the student body. Selected students complete their premedical studies at the respective PB programs before entering AMS.

#### Admissions Procedures

Students interested in the PB avenue of admission should notify their premedical advisor of their interest in Brown during the fall semester. Selection as a postbac program student is through a nomination process in which the premedical advisor nominates candidates to Brown. The number of PB openings depends upon the number of places available for the entering class as well as the caliber of the applicant pool.

#### Application Process

Alpert Medical School participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). All candidates for admission to the 2021 entering class (MD25) apply to Alpert Medical School via AMCAS. PB students nominated for admission to AMS must adhere to the timetable below to be considered eligible. Individual postbaccalaureate programs may have other deadlines and procedures; contact your program adviser or director for more information.

#### Timeline

##### **Before January 1, 2021**

PB program advisors email AMCAS IDs of all potential or actual nominated PB students to the director of admissions.

##### **January 4–14, 2021**

PB students complete and submit the AMCAS application. The AMCAS application fee is required. In Section 7 of the application, the PB applicants must choose “Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University” for designated medical school and “Other Special Program” for program type. **Transcripts should be submitted to the AAMC as early as possible to expedite the verification process.**

##### **February 4, 2021**

Deadline for Alpert Medical School to receive verified AMCAS applications. Applicants will be sent two separate emails with a username, Brown ID number, and instructions for the secondary application as soon as their verified AMCAS application is received by Alpert Medical School.

##### **February 11, 2021**

Deadline for receipt of secondary application and letters of recommendation by the AMS Office of Admissions. **Alpert Medical School will waive the \$110 secondary application fee for PB linkage applicants.**

Supporting materials for the application include a) a letter of recommendation from the PB program premedical advisor and b) three letters of evaluation, preferably from faculty members who have taught an applicant in the PB program, from college instructors, or from present or former employers. Arrangements should be made with the AMCAS Letter Service for letters of recommendation to be sent to our institution. Please review the [AAMC](#) website for details. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

### Eligibility Criteria

All applicants are selected on the basis of academic achievement, faculty evaluations, evidence of maturity, motivation, leadership, integrity, and compassion. Candidates must present a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (4.0 scale) in courses taken as a matriculated student at an undergraduate college (including postbac programs) and at any graduate or professional schools.

All applicants must be capable of meeting the [competency requirements](#) and the technical standards for medicine expected of all graduates, as described in the Medical School's [student handbook](#) in Appendix A. Technological compensation can be made for some disabilities in certain of these competency requirements.

Brown University adheres to a policy of equal opportunity in medical education and therefore considers applicants without regard to sex, gender identity, race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, physical disability, or sexual orientation. A strong affirmative action program is maintained in all of the admission entry routes.

### Selection Factors

In addition to the general criteria noted above, Alpert Medical School is particularly interested in PB students who:

1. became interested in medicine as a career after college;
2. have been engaged in activities other than formal education between college and the present;
3. are Rhode Island residents;
4. are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in medicine;
5. are age 25 or older.

In the last five years, almost every applicant who has been offered admission through the PB route has presented a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in PB coursework. The mean PB and undergraduate GPAs for these candidates have been 3.89 and 3.77, respectively.

### Accommodations due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, coursework taken in Spring, Summer or Fall 2020, pass/fail and/or on-line coursework will be accepted without prejudice.

### Interviews & Notifications

Selected PB applicants will be invited to interview with two members of the MD Admissions Committee in early March 2021. Interviews this year will be conducted virtually. PB applicants are notified of the admissions decision in mid/late March. An applicant who is offered admission to AMS has two weeks from the date on the acceptance letter in which to accept or decline the offer. If an acceptance is not received in writing by the end of this two-week period, the applicant is deemed to have declined, and the offer of admission is withdrawn.

### Contingencies

Matriculation into AMS is contingent upon continued excellence in academic performance, attainment of competence in the sciences basic to medicine (as noted on the secondary application form), and documented verification of the student's complete academic record. The student must also be in good disciplinary standing at the time of enrollment.

All applicants who have been offered admission will be required to complete information needed for a criminal background check (CBC). AMS reserves the right to reconsider an offer of admission if the CBC results and/or other information that comes to the attention of the Admissions Committee raise concerns regarding an applicant's suitability for a career in medicine.