

# **Joint Admission Medical Program**

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER**

### **GUIDELINES**

The University of Texas at Tyler participates in the statewide Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP). Highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students are encouraged to pursue medical education in Texas through this program. There are two programs and application procedures. Students applying to UT Tyler who are interested in attending medical school after receiving the baccalaureate degree may apply to the UT Tyler Pre-JAMP program. UT Tyler Pre-JAMP is designed to facilitate a student's application to the Texas JAMP program. Any student interested in the State of Texas JAMP program may apply in the fall of their sophomore year.

#### **STIPEND**

A student may apply for a stipend to be awarded each of the two freshman semesters. Amounts of the stipend not used to cover direct educational expenses may be subject to federal income tax. Tutorial assistance may also be available for eligible students upon request.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

All UT Tyler Pre-JAMP recipients:

- Must be currently enrolled at the University of Texas at Tyler as an undergraduate student with a declared major and pursuing a pre-medical emphasis.
- Must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) semester credit hours the semester of the award.
- Must be enrolled in at least one course applicable to the student's major.
- Must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25 in all work attempted.
- Must attend scheduled advising sessions as a condition for continuation of stipend.

NOTE: The remainder of an award will be forfeited if course load drops below fifteen semester credit hours or if minimum GPA is not maintained. Also, missing any scheduled advising session will result in forfeiture of an award. Awards will be paid in four installments each semester towards the end of each of the following months: September, October, November, and December (fall); January, February, March, and April (spring). The final stipend payment will be released only after verification of final course grades.

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must complete the UT Tyler admissions process and be admitted to the university.

Applicants must submit the following documentation to the UT Tyler JAMP Committee Chairman (Dr. Neil Gray):

- A completed UT Tyler Pre-JAMP application and letters of recommendation.
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and qualify for Pell Grant eligibility.
- A personal essay indicative of the applicant's educational and career goals as a physician.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

In reviewing applications for this award, the reviewers (comprised of a committee of faculty and staff) will consider evidence of creativity, leadership, initiative, motivation, and other characteristics indicative of the applicant's potential as a pre-medical student and a contributor to society. Overall grade point average and grade point average in science and mathematics courses taken in high school are important factors to be used in evaluating applications. The applicant must have a minimum SAT and/or minimum ACT score of not less than the Texas state mean. Scholastic awards, community service, extracurricular activities, professional experience, household income, first generation college student, responsibilities while attending school, and financial aid needs (must be PELL eligible) will contribute to the overall evaluation of the application.

Each applicant is required to submit recommendation letters and a personal essay. The recommendation letters should be prepared by a science teacher and a counselor who knows the applicant well enough to provide insight into the applicant's qualities, abilities and potential as a pre-medical student. Recommendation letters can be provided by other teachers or administrative personnel in lieu of a science teacher or counselor. The personal essay is to be prepared by the applicant and should indicate the applicant's educational and career goals as a physician. It should also state in what ways the receipt of this award would impact the ability of the applicant to achieve future goals. These two portions of the application weigh heavily in the selection process.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

The application form, recommendation letter, and personal essay must be received by Dr. Gray no later than September 15.

#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

The completed application must be submitted no later than two weeks after the beginning of the fall semester of the student's freshman year. Award notifications for the UT Tyler Pre-JAMP program will be made in writing by the end of September.

Please submit this application to:

ATTN: UT Tyler JAMP Committee  
Dr. Neil Gray  
Chief Health Professions Advisor  
JAMP Faculty Director  
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
The University of Texas at Tyler – RBS 3003  
3900 University Boulevard  
Tyler, Texas 75799



**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please attach a typewritten essay not to exceed two pages in length about yourself including discussion of the following:

- Your academic and career objectives especially as they relate to becoming a physician.
- Your special abilities that have been important in your academic development
- In what ways will the receipt of this award impact your ability to achieve your future goals.
- Special talents, interest, characteristics, or circumstances affecting your academic and career goals

**REFERENCE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Letters of recommendation should be requested from a high school science teacher and a counselor who know the applicant well enough to provide insight into the applicant's qualities, abilities and potential as a pre-medical student. Recommendation forms can be obtained by contacting Dr. Neil Gray or by visiting the UT Tyler JAMP website at <http://www.uttyler.edu/preprofessional/jamp>. Completed forms are to be mailed by the evaluator to Dr. Neil Gray.

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Signature

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Date