

Mission & Interview Questions Worksheet

Use this form to plan the questions you'll ask during your medical school interviews.

You can find each school's mission statement under the "About" tabs in the [MSAR guide](#). This section is available to everyone whether or not you have a MSAR subscription and may include information about the school's teaching philosophy, core values, and what qualities they're looking for in prospective students.

School Name: _____

Mission statement: _____

Identify the qualities YOU are looking for in a medical school's mission:

Your background: _____

Your activities: _____

Your research interests: _____

What's important to you: _____

| Mission Components | Important to Me | Important to School | N/A |
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| Volunteer Work | | | |
| Research | | | |
| Diversity | | | |
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How do you connect with the school mission (research, clinical, volunteer, etc.)? _____

Interview Questions to Ask the Interviewers and/or Follow-up Questions to Ask the Admissions Office:

Tips

Check out the list of the "[Questions I wish I would have asked](#)" by the Office of Student Representatives (OSR).

Budget money for travel expenses, including hotel stays, car rentals, and airfare. Check out First Facts for more information on budgeting. Tips on interview preparation and increasing your chances of success are available at www.aamc.org/podcasts. You can subscribe at no charge at the iTunes store.

Review how to respond to inappropriate interview questions: <https://www.aamc.org/students/aspiring/421356/medinterview.html>

Medical schools give weight to specific characteristics that align with their missions. Be aware of each school's mission statement and how your personal traits align with it. Examples could include research inquisitiveness, empathy, teamwork, curiosity, and a desire for knowledge about health care delivery systems.

"Distance traveled" refers to life challenges you've faced and conquered. Any obstacles you've overcome to get to this point in your education may demonstrate some positive traits, such as resilience and persistence. In these cases, be sure to describe how these experiences helped influence your desire to be a physician.



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