Welcome to HPAC 2021! The HPAC application is an online web form. The web form and all supporting documentation must be submitted by January 31st, 2021 at 11:59pm EST. Supporting documentation (resume, LORs, unofficial transcripts, BCPM calculation form) should be submitted to your PrivateFolio account. To help you prepare for submitting your application, we are providing you with these questions (including character-count requirements). Some tips:

- Feel free to view the webform ahead of time and practice using it (but do not submit)
- You cannot save the online form.
- Write out your responses in a Word/Google document so that you are able to keep track of all questions and character counts.
- We strongly recommend that you visit Career Services (content) and The Writing Center (grammar).
- Multiple submissions will not be accepted.

Section One: Fill out demographic information, educational information and application information
- **Personal Information:** Name, pronouns, GWID, Email, Country and State of legal residence
- **Educational Information:** Major/Minor, Class standing, special cohorts (ex: honors, women’s leadership, student athlete)
- **Application Information:** Have you previously applied to HPAC/Med/Dental school and in what years, what programs are you applying to, application ID’s (if you have these)

Section Two: Fill out letter writer information (writer’s name, title and type of recommendation)
- 3-5 letters required
- One science letter and one major letter required

Section Three: Education & GPA
- Submit unofficial transcripts for each institution attended as well as a PDF of your BCPM Calculation Form to your PrivateFolio account by the HPAC deadline.
- Please follow the instructions as outlined on the pre-health website to calculate your Science and Math GPA).
  - BCPM (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math/Statistics) for medical school applicants
  - BCP (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) for dental school applicants
  - *We may ask you to add/remove courses and recalculate if the courses do not fall within the BCPM/BCP categories listed in the AAMC Course Classification Guide.*
- **Undergraduate Institutions Attended:**
  - Please list all undergraduate institutions you have attended including your home school as well as institutions where you attempted/received credit for dual enrollment or transfer credit
- **Undergrad Overall GPA:**
  - Please enter your undergraduate overall GPA as of Fall 2020. If you have only taken classes at GW, you may put the overall GPA that appears on DegreeMap or your transcript. If you have taken undergraduate courses at multiple institutions, you must calculate this manually.
• Undergrad BCPM (as of Fall 2020)
• Graduate Institutions Attended (if applicable)
• Graduate Overall GPA (if applicable)
• Graduate BCPM/BCP (if applicable)
• BCPM GPA Acknowledgement (initial)

Section Four: Work & Activities – you can list up to 15 work/activities, including a 500 character limit description of each.
• Activity Title
• Activity Type:
  o Clinical
  o Shadowing/Observation
  o Research
  o Community Service
  o Extracurricular
  o Honors/Awards
  o Presentations/Publications
  o Other
• Location
• Role/position
• Supervisor’s Name/Title/Email:
• Dates Attended
• Timeframe (during academic semesters, school breaks, academic semesters and school breaks, or after graduation)
• Total Hours
• Paid
• Description: 500 character limit
  o Please describe this activity including its application to your future as a healthcare provider, any core competencies that were demonstrated and what meaning you derived from the experience.

Section Five: Complete secondary essay questions – 1,000 character limit for each question

1. **Motivation:** What is your primary motivation for becoming a doctor/dentist? Why have you selected this career instead of another healthcare profession?

2. **Other Programs:** If you are applying to DO, MD/PhD, or MD/MPH programs, please explain your reasons for selecting this program and what additional experiences you have had that contributed to your decision. If this does not apply to you, please write N/A.

3. **Diversity:** Please explain the importance of diversity in the healthcare professions. What experiences do you have working with diverse populations?

4. **Leadership:** What is your personal definition of leadership? In what ways have you demonstrated leadership since starting college?
5. **COVID-19**: The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges for us all. Please use this space to highlight how you have dealt with and shown perseverance during this pandemic. How has COVID-19 impacted your pathway to medical/dental school?

6. **Academics**: Explain any W’s, C’s, P/NP (outside of courses that are traditionally offered in this format) or lower grades and semesters with low number of credits. If you feel comfortable, you may list any family, financial, or other circumstances that may have affected your academic experience. If this does not apply, please write N/A.

7. **Plans for Next Year**: What are your plans for the next year? If you are planning on going straight through to medical/dental school (for juniors), what do you want to accomplish next year? If you are a senior or an alum, please provide us with your plans.

8. **Areas for Improvement**: What are your areas for improvement for your medical/dental school application? What are your plans to improve these areas?

**Section Six: Personal Statement**

Please read the instructions below thoroughly before submitting your personal statement. Personal statement length is program specific. If you are applying to multiple programs (ex: MD, DO and MD PhD) please only submit one personal statement.

- MD/DO (AMCAS/AACOMAS): **5,300 characters** (including spaces)
- Dental (AADSAS): **4,500 characters** (including spaces)
- Texas Medical and Dental (TMDSAS): **5,000 characters** (including spaces). (TMDSAS also requires a 2,500 personal characteristics essay and allows a 2,500 character optional essay, but for the purposes of HPAC, these do not need to be submitted)
- MD/PhD (AMCAS): **3,000 character** personal statement and **10,000 character** research experience essay. **Please note**: we do not require the 10,000 character research experience essay for HPAC. If you are applying to both MD and MD-PhD programs, please submit the standard 5,300 character essay and if you are applying to only MD-PhD programs, please submit the 3,000 character essay.

Your personal statement can address the following questions and prompts:
- Why have you selected the field of medicine/dentistry?
- What motivates you to learn more about medicine/dentistry?
- What do you want medical/dental schools to know about you that was not disclosed in other sections of the application?
- Special hardships, challenges or obstacles that may have influenced your educational pursuits.
- Commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record that are not explained elsewhere.

*We strongly encourage you to visit Career Services and the Writing Center to review your personal statement prior to submitting.*

**Section Seven: Acknowledgements**
- **Student Conduct:** Were you ever the recipient of any action by any college, university, or professional school for unacceptable academic performance or conduct violation(s) to include any administrative or judicial record or any record that has been expunged (e.g. dismissal, suspension, plagiarism, drug/alcohol citation, etc.)? (Yes, No)
  
  - If you check “yes,” you have up to **1,000 characters** to explain the charges and the circumstances surrounding the event.

- **No Letter Policy** (type first and last name)
  
  - I understand that by going through the HPAC process, I am not guaranteed a letter. If the committee has significant concerns about my candidacy for medical or dental school, they may refuse to provide a letter that could negatively impact my application package.

- **FERPA Waiver** (initial)
  
  - As part of the HPAC process, information from your educational record must be shared with essential members of the HPAC committee and included in the committee letter provided to medical or dental schools. By signing below, you are granting us access to share essential parts of your educational record with these parties.

- **Additional Information:** If there is any clarifying information that you need to provide about your application, please use this space to do so.