

Dear High School Counselors,

I am Dr. Carolyn Bouma, the Pre-Medicine Program adviser at West Texas A&M University. We are contacting counselors at area high schools to provide information about a special program in Texas for academically-talented, yet economically-disadvantaged students who want to become physicians.

JAMP, the Joint Admission Medical Program, was created to provide support and encouragement to economically-disadvantaged students interested in careers as physicians. Funded through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, JAMP is a unique partnership between all the Texas medical schools and sixty-five undergraduate institutions, including WTAMU. Students apply to JAMP during the Fall semester of their second college year. **JAMP helps qualified, economically-disadvantaged students achieve their dreams with:**

- A scholarship every semester, beginning the Spring semester of the second college year.
- Guaranteed admission to a medical school in Texas (if the student meets JAMP requirements every semester)
- Financial assistance during medical school.
- Summer internships at a medical school, following the second and third college years.
- Mentoring and personal assistance to aid in preparing for medical school while attending college.

JAMP is an exciting and wonderful opportunity for financially-challenged students interested in pursuing a career as a medical doctor.

The minimum requirements include:

- Documentation of Texas residency.
- Qualification as an economically-disadvantaged applicant for the first college year [eligibility for Pell grant and/or an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) up to 8000].
- SAT or ACT scores equal to or greater than the mean for the State of Texas.
- Enrollment in a participating university the Fall semester following high school graduation.
- Earning a minimum 3.25 cumulative and science GPA every semester.
- Completion of 27 credit hours during the first college year (includes summer sessions).
- Meeting regularly with the JAMP Faculty Director during the first college year.
- Submitting the JAMP online application by October 1st of the second college year.

Here is what JAMP participants say about the program:

"JAMP gave me invaluable experience through the summer internships which has helped me succeed thus far in medical school. The financial assistance offered, both in undergrad and med school, has also been a tremendous help."

—Daniel Callaway, JAMP Medical School student

Discover the BUFF in You.

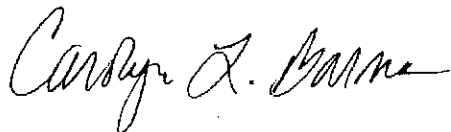
"JAMP not only helped me get into medical school, it also prepared me for medical school. Being part of this program helped me gain a lot of opportunities which reinforced my excitement about medical school and helped me to build up for my application. Through the summer programs I learned a lot about managing my time in preparation for medical school"
—Lissette Gomez, JAMP Medical School student

West Texas A&M University invites students to explore their options through enrollment and participation in our Pre-Medicine Program. **WTAMU offers all the prerequisite courses** for medical school application. In addition, we offer **advanced courses in areas relevant to medicine**, such as Cell Biology, Histology, Medical Microbiology, Biochemistry, Parasitology, Embryology, Advanced Physiology, Pathophysiology, Neuroscience and Medicinal Chemistry. **Class size in the Department of Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences averages 29 students**, ensuring individual attention and interaction with the faculty. Students also have opportunities to engage in laboratory research projects with faculty and to participate in extracurricular activities with the **Pre-Healthcare Club** and Beta Beta Beta, the national Biology honor society. Specific information about our Pre-Medicine Program, and general information about applying to medical schools, is contained in the enclosed **WTAMU Pre-Medicine Program Guidelines**.

The path to medical school requires significant academic and personal commitment from a student. JAMP provides financial support and academic assistance to qualified students whose economic status might not otherwise allow them to prepare for medical school. Further details about JAMP can be found on the enclosed brochures and on the JAMP web page, www.texasjamp.org.

You are welcome to contact me if you have questions about the WTAMU Pre-Medicine Program or JAMP! We are enclosing a poster and brochure for each counselor at your school.

Sincerely,



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