



Caltech-UC San Diego Medical Scholars Program For Students Entering Caltech in the Fall of 2008

The Caltech-UC San Diego Medical Scholars Program draws on Caltech's strength in preparing undergraduates for careers in scientific research and UC San Diego's status as one of the world's leading medical schools and medical research centers. The Caltech-UC San Diego Medical Scholars Program seeks to prepare students for careers as physician-scientists.

Caltech will enroll six freshmen each year in the Caltech-UC San Diego Medical Scholars Program. Medical Scholars enrolling at Caltech will be provisionally admitted to the UC-San Diego School of Medicine. To be accepted to the UC San Diego School of Medicine, Medical Scholars will not be required to take the MCAT, but must meet all of the following requirements:

- Obtain a degree in any option (major) offered by Caltech and achieve an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher (the median GPA for Caltech's Class of 2007 was 3.5).
- In addition to their Caltech degree requirements, Medical Scholars must satisfy additional premedical requirements of:
 - One year of biology
 - Two years of chemistry (one full year must be organic chemistry)
 - One year of humanities emphasizing literature and composition.

Medical Scholars will have the opportunity to attend special lectures and colloquia in conjunction with UC San Diego Medical Scholars that will introduce them to a range of subjects that are part of the medical school experience. Medical Scholars also have the opportunity and will be encouraged to participate in summer research experiences with UC San Diego School of Medicine faculty.

Admissions Information

Any US Citizen or US Permanent Resident who is eligible for freshman admissions consideration can apply to the Caltech-UC San Diego Medical Scholars Program. Interested students should follow Caltech freshman application procedures but must apply to Caltech by the November 1st Early Action deadline. Students should indicate their interest in being considered for the Medical Scholars Program by marking the appropriate box on page one of the Caltech Common Application Supplement.

Early Action applicants requesting consideration for the Medical Scholars Program will be notified of their Caltech admissions decision in mid December. Students who request consideration for the Medical Scholars Program and who are admitted Early Action to Caltech will be asked to submit an additional essay describing their interest in medicine and an additional recommendation letter speaking to their potential for a career in medicine. Information about these additional requirements will be included with Caltech's offer of admission and must be postmarked by January 10th.

Students will be notified if they have been selected for an interview by February 15th. Selected students will attend an interview day (several will be offered) at UC San Diego at their own expense. Further instructions will be provided at the time a student is invited for an interview. All interviews will need to be completed by the end of the third week of March. Decisions for interviewed students will be mailed by April 1st.