LINKAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES MASTERS PROGRAM AND WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The Wayne State University Basic Medical Sciences (BMS) Master’s program is designed to provide graduate training for pre-professionals who wish to pursue careers in health-related fields. The interdisciplinary curriculum consists of rigorous coursework in biomedical fields and culminates with a Master’s essay. The program offers an opportunity for students to bolster their academic records in preparation for their next career steps. A majority of students in the program are seeking entry into medical school, which is the incentive for reaching the following agreement with the Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSU-SOM).

The WSU-SOM Office of Admissions agrees to grant automatic interviews for medical school admission to students enrolled in the BMS program who have met certain benchmark criteria. These requirements include the following:

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.4 or higher in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics (BCMP)
- A GPA of 3.7 or higher after completing 20 credits of BMS didactic biology courses
- No grade of less than B in BMS courses
- An MCAT score of 509 or higher
- Meeting all professionalism requirements including no institutional actions

This policy will be communicated to all incoming BMS students prior to their matriculation. There will be no limit to the number of students who will be granted interviews. No parties involved will discriminate against any student on the basis of age, race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, qualified handicap, sexual preference or veteran status.

Students who have completed 20 credits in the BMS program (typically by the end of May) and have met the above criteria will be granted an interview upon submission of the AMCAS application. The BMS program will monitor the students’ performances and remind those who qualify of the requirements and deadlines. As with regular admission, an interview does not guarantee admission into medical school; however, it does guarantee students the opportunity to advance their applications to the discussion stage.

This agreement will be implemented for the 2022-23 admission cycle and will renew automatically for the two following admission cycles, unless either the School of Medicine or the BMS Master’s program makes a written request for the agreement to be terminated for an upcoming cycle by April 15. The linkage agreement will be reviewed by both parties by April 15, 2025 to determine if it will continue for a period beyond the 2024-25 admission cycle.

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