

**AAMC Situational Judgment Test (SJT)**  
**UC Davis School of Medicine**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. Why is the University of California Davis School of Medicine participating in the AAMC SJT?**

Students who are successful at the University of California Davis School of Medicine, share our commitment to improve lives and transform the health of the communities they will serve. They have a solid academic foundation, strong interpersonal and communication skills, and demonstrate professionalism. We believe the AAMC SJT exam provides an opportunity to assess these critical pre-professional competencies and may enhance our holistic process.

**2. Why is the University of California Davis School of Medicine using the AAMC SJT instead of CASPer?**

We felt the AAMC SJT was a good fit for our holistic process because it was designed to measure pre-professional competencies that are critical for success at the UCDSOM and the AAMC has conducted research to establish the psychometric properties and validity of the AAMC SJT.

**3. How will the University of California Davis School of Medicine use my AAMC SJT scores?**

If we find these scores enhance our holistic process, we may consider them as one part of our ultimate admission decision.

**4. Will it negatively affect my application/admissions evaluation if I don't take the AAMC SJT?**

No, applicants are not required to take the AAMC SJT. Your application will be considered complete if you do not have an AAMC SJT score. While the admissions committee may see that you did not take the AAMC SJT, they will be instructed to disregard missing AAMC SJT scores. However, by not taking the AAMC SJT you may be missing an opportunity to display your knowledge of important competencies, such as teamwork, service orientation, and cultural competence.

**5. Will the admissions committee see my AAMC SJT scores?**

If we find these scores enhance our holistic process, we may consider them as one part of our ultimate admission decision.

**6. I already got invited to complete a secondary application or an interview, should I still take the AAMC SJT?**

Yes, applicants are strongly encouraged to take the AAMC SJT. Doing so will give you an opportunity to display your knowledge of effective and ineffective behaviors across eight core competencies for entering medical students, which include Service Orientation, Social Skills, Cultural Competence, Teamwork, Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others, Reliability and Dependability, Resilience and Adaptability, and Capacity for Improvement.

**7. My application was rejected by the University of California Davis School of Medicine before I took the AAMC SJT. If I take the exam, will UCDSOM reconsider my application?**

No, application decisions are final.

**8. Will I have access to my AAMC SJT score and will there be an interpretation of my results?**

Yes, AAMC SJT scores will be released to examinees in July-October depending on the exam date. A confidence band and percentile rank will also be reported with each total score. Please refer to the AAMC SJT website for more details: [www.aamc.org/sjt](http://www.aamc.org/sjt).

**9. When will the University of California Davis School of Medicine receive my AAMC SJT score?**

AAMC SJT scores will be released to examinees and the UCDSOM in July-October depending on the exam date. Please refer to the AAMC SJT website for more details: [www.aamc.org/sjt](http://www.aamc.org/sjt).

**10. Will other schools, not part of the 2021 administration, have access to my AAMC SJT score?**

Schools not part of the 2021 administration will not have access to your AAMC SJT scores for the AMCAS 2022 admissions cycle. The AAMC will retain your AAMC SJT score report indefinitely. If you reenter the medical school application process in a future application year, the AAMC will provide your AAMC SJT score report to any program to which you apply that accepts or requires the AAMC SJT exam as part of their application process.

**11. What does my SJT score mean?**

The AAMC SJT results in a total score, which reflects your understanding of pre-professionalism and potential to learn and develop pre-professionalism skills. Higher scores reflect a higher level of understanding.

The AAMC collaborated with medical educators, including faculty, admissions officers, and student and diversity affairs officers to develop the scoring key for the SJT (i.e., the key effectiveness rating for each response). Scores are based on the extent to which your effectiveness rating for each response aligns with medical educators' ratings for each response. Full credit is awarded for an item if your response matches the medical educators' rating. Partial credit is awarded if your rating is close to the medical educators' rating.

**12. Where can I find more information about the AAMC SJT?**

For more details about the AAMC SJT, including registering, preparing, taking the exam, and receiving your scores, please visit the AAMC SJT website: [www.aamc.org/sjt](http://www.aamc.org/sjt).