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 Pilot?

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 for all 2020 exam dates will be released to examinees on October 14, 2020. A confidence band and percentile rank will also be reported with each total score.

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 on October 14, 2020.

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

Schools not part of the pilot will not have access to your AAMC SJT scores for the AMCAS 2021 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.