

Your Next Steps to Enrollment

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EDUCATION II

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A checklist of all the most important dates and deadlines for fall 2025!

This checklist is a companion to the Information for Incoming Students website so this page may not include all the details or all the checklist items, but only the most vital and required items. We'd recommend downloading this checklist so that you can keep track of completed and pending items.

Please note: Various items cannot be completed until our Student Affairs department provides more information via email.

<https://somsa.ucr.edu/information-incoming-students>

First things first...

- **Commit to Enroll through American Medical College Application Services (AMCAS)** <https://amcas.aamc.org/amcas/>
- **Applicants that received an offer before May 15th:**
On April 30th the [Choose Your Medical School Tool](#) will update to provide an additional option called "Commit To Enroll." You should only indicate this option if you have decided which medical school you will attend and have committed to withdraw your candidacy from ALL other schools including their waitlists.
Deadline: May 15th
- **Applicants that received an offer after May 15th:**
Applicants who are accepted after May 15th will have 2-5 business days from the date of acceptance to "Commit to Enroll."
- **Verify the completion of the Program Matriculation Requirements** <https://somsa.ucr.edu/program-prerequisites>
Students must complete all premedical requirements before beginning the first year of medical study. Verification of completion of program pre-requisites will be done after you have been admitted.

November 2024

- **Technical Standards Acknowledgement** <https://somsa.ucr.edu/technical-non-academic-standards>
All admitted applicants must attest to their ability to meet the technical standards for the MD program in their secondary application portal within 1 week of acceptance.

December 2024

- **Submit FAFSA** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
The 2025–2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is currently available. To meet the priority-filing deadline and be considered for the best available funding, the FAFSA must be filed on or after January 1 and received by the federal processor by March 2.
For most state financial aid programs, submit your application no later than March 3, 2025 (date postmarked).

January

- **Ambassador Matching**
As a newly admitted applicant, you will have the opportunity to reach out to a medical student ambassador as an additional resource for all things UCR. You will receive a flyer with our ambassador's contact information, and some of their medical student information! Once you receive this flyer, please feel free to reach out and connect with an ambassador of your choice.

February

- **Choose Your Medical School Tool (CYMS)** <https://amcas.aamc.org/amcas/>
Mid February the "Plan To Enroll" option becomes available for accepted applicants to select in the Choose Your Medical School tool. If you intend to enroll at UCR SOM, you may indicate this through the AMCAS Choose Your Medical School Tool by selecting the "Plan To Enroll" option. This is NOT a permanent decision and you may change it at any time. Refer to your offer letter for more information.

● Dean's Mission Scholarship - Merit Program

Students that have received the merit award will be notified on a rolling basis monthly starting February.

<https://somsa.ucr.edu/scholarship-opportunities>

● First Look

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Event Dates: February 27, 2025 and May 22, 2025

March

● Welcome Letter - UCR NetID and Password

A welcome letter from UCR main campus will provide your NetID and password to activate your UCR email. If you have not received your UCR NetID and temporary password within two weeks after accepting your offer, please contact the School of Medicine Admissions office.

● Submit Your Housing Contract

Admitted applicants are encouraged to explore housing options starting in March. If you'd like to live on campus, these contracts become available starting April 1 and if you submit it by May 20 you'll receive priority access to room selection!

<https://housing.ucr.edu/>

● Immunization Records

As a student of UCR, you are required to submit proof of immunizations to Student Health Services as described on their website.

<https://studenthealth.ucr.edu/immunization>

● Complete Your Criminal Background Check

Criminal background checks will be conducted through the Certiphi. Matriculation into the program is contingent upon the successful clearance of a criminal background check. More information will be sent via email in March.

Deadline: First Day of Orientation Week

April

● SOM Compliance & Immunization Requirements

As a student at the School of Medicine, you are required to submit additional proof of immunizations as defined on the Incoming Student Immunization Requirement Form, as well as proof of annual screening and vaccination as defined on the Annual Student Immunization Form. In addition, you are required to complete additional compliance requirements as described on the Required Documentation for Incoming Students website.

You will receive instructions and a unique PIN through your UCR email account to create your CastleBranch (CB) account and submit your required immunization documents beginning in June. All requirements, except those noted on the Required Documentation for Incoming Students website must be uploaded to the compliance tracker **no later than July 25, 2025**.

<https://somsa.ucr.edu/required-documentation>

● SOM Open House

Come to the in-person SOM Open House to get to know more about SOM and pathways to entering health professions on April 19, 2025. Friends and family welcomed!

<https://medschool.ucr.edu/openhouse>

● Recruitment Day

Our annual UCR SOM Recruitment Day Reception Event will take place in-person on Thursday, April 24th, 2025 at the new SOM Education Building II. Join us in the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, current medical students, and alumni and get a taste of campus life at the UCR School of Medicine. Along with an opportunity to get an in-person fitting for your White Coat!

Event Date: April 24th, 2025

May

● Commit to Enroll through American Medical College Application Services (AMCAS)

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Deadline: May 15th

<https://amcas.aamc.org/amcas/>

● SOM Financial Aid Virtual Office Hours

SOM Financial Aid office provides two Office Hours session to answer your student financial aid questions. Zoom link will be sent early May and June.

Event Date: May 29th, 12pm-1pm & June 18th 1pm-2pm

<https://somsa.ucr.edu/general-information-financial-aid>

● White Coat Survey

In preparation of Orientation and White Coat Ceremony all medical students will complete the White Coat survey to provide information about their size and preferred name that should be embroidered on their white coat. Details will be shared early June.

Deadline: May 29th, 2025

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Event Date: May 22, 2025

- **Preliminary Award Notices** <https://somsa.ucr.edu/general-information-financial-aid>
UCR SOM Financial Aid Preliminary awards notices (i.e., Merit, needbased, loans) will begin during May.

June

- **Upload Your R 'Card Photo for your SOM ID Badge** <https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/>
Incoming medical students will be required to purchase an SOM ID badge and R 'Card. To receive your printed and activated R 'Card from Card Services you must complete the necessary requirements for Card Services. Badges will be distributed during orientation. Details will be shared early June.
Deadline: July 28, 2025
- **Ordering Parking Permit** <https://parkingportal.ucr.edu>
Incoming medical students who would like to park their vehicle on campus you will receive instructions on how to purchase a parking permit online from SOM Office of Admissions. Medical students must login to Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) portal to make their purchase.
Deadline: First Day of Orientation Week
- **Medical Kits**
Limited sets of Medical Kits can be purchased in person at the UCR bookstore. Details of the required instruments to be purchased will be shared in early June. *Medical students in the Thomas Haider Program and/or Early Assurance Program (EAP) will receive a scholarship to cover the cost of their medical kit and bag.*
Deadline: First Day of Orientation Week
- **Longitudinal Ambulatory Care Experience (LACE) Clinical Site Survey** <ume.ucr.edu/longitudinal-ambulatory-care-experience-lace>
As an important initial step for LACE, we kindly ask that you provide your biographical information via the attached Qualtrics survey. Your responses will help the LACE team align you with a community preceptor to optimize your growth as physicians. Our goal for LACE is to offer real-time modeling of clinical reasoning skills and professional identity formation.
Deadline: June 30th, 2025
- **Statement of Legal Residence** <registrar.ucr.edu/tuition-fees/residency-for-tuition>
You must complete the Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) to ensure your institutional fees are assessed correctly. Information about the SLR can be found on the UCR Registrar website. Instructions on submitting the SLR will be provided early June.
- **Compliance modules** <https://ucrlarninghelp.ucr.edu/access-roles>
All incoming medical students must complete several online training modules prior their first day of orientation. All training is conducted via the UC Learning Center. Information for accessing the system is linked above. Can begin in June. All UC Learning and CITI certificates must be uploaded no later than the deadline below.
Deadline: July 25, 2025.
- **Communication regarding Orientation and the White Coat Ceremony**
Communication regarding Orientation and the White Coat Ceremony will be shared in the month of June. Please note that attendance at Orientation is an mandatory event while participation in the White Coat Ceremony is optional. Please check you email regularly for updates.

July

- **Classes Begin - PRIME Summer Immersion (only for PRIME students)**
PRIME begins with a two-week summer immersion program that is scheduled to take place prior to the start of the academic school year. Takes place in late July, prior to the start of the academic school year.
Event Dates: July 21st - August 1st, 2025
- **HIPAA Confidentiality Form** <somsa.ucr.edu/sites/default/files/2022-03/hipaa-confidentiality-statement.pdf>
The UCR School of Medicine requires that each student sign a HIPAA Confidentiality Statement as required under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The form must be uploaded to the compliance tracker no later than the deadline provided below.
Deadline: July 26, 2025.
- **Course Registration (managed by The Office of Registrar)**
The UCR SOM Office of the Registrar will complete your course registration. Please review all/any holds as this can affect the registration of your courses.
- **Activate SOM Email**
The UCR SOM Office of the Registrar will create and provide you with instructions on how to activate your SOM medical student email with the 'medsch' domain.
- **Submit Official Academic Documents or Postsecondary Transcripts** <somsa.ucr.edu/information-incoming-students>
All post-secondary transcripts, including all universities, community colleges and extension programs you may have attended are due by July 25, 2025.
Deadline: July 25th, 2025
- **Class of 2029 Office of Career, Residency, and Advising (OCRA) Inventory Survey**
The purpose of the MS1 Career & Specialty Inventory is to gather information regarding your medical specialty interests. The survey will be shared early July.
Deadline: August 8th, 2025

● **Movin to Medical School**

The "Movin' to Med School Workshop" is a comprehensive program designed to empower and prepare students as they embark on their medical school journey. This workshop offers essential insights, strategies, and resources to ensure a smooth and confident transition into medical education.

Event Date: Mid July

● **Basic Life Support Certification - Pre-Session Modules**

<https://ccpcsom.ucr.edu/>

School of Medicine Center for Simulated Patient Care (CSPC) will send your online BLS portion by email at least two weeks prior to orientation, to be completed no later than the end of the first week.

Deadline: August 8th, 2025

● **Locker Assignments**

A survey will be sent regarding incoming student preference for their locker assignment. If this survey is not completed then a set locker will be provided at random. Details will be shared early July.

August

● **UCR Student Health Insurance**

If you are not covered by personal health insurance, you are eligible for the UCR Graduate Student Health Insurance Program (GSHIP). You must either complete the GSHIP application through the Campus Health Center or submit a waiver request if you are covered by your own health insurance.

<http://campushealth.ucr.edu/index.html>
<https://studenthealth.ucr.edu/waiving-ship>

Waiver Deadline: June 1st to September 12th

● **Student Handbook Acknowledgement**

[24-25-handbook-acknowledgement-form](#)

The UCR School of Medicine requires that each student sign the Medical Student Handbook Acknowledgement to attest that you have been provided with the link to the electronic (online) Medical Student Handbook. The form must be uploaded to the compliance tracker.

Deadline: First Day of Orientation Week

● **Technical Standards Acknowledgement**

[24-25-technical-standards-acknowledgement](#)

The UCR School of Medicine requires that each student sign another Technical Standards Acknowledgement to acknowledge receipt and review of the technical standards (found in the Medical Student Handbook). The form must be uploaded to the compliance tracker.

Deadline: First Day of Orientation Week

● **Tuition and Fees Due**

A five (5) business day grace period will be given for those that have missed the payment deadline. Fees not paid within the grace period may be charged a \$45.00 Administrative Tuition Process Fee.

Deadline: First day of instruction for each quarter

● **Financial Aid - Fall aid is disbursed**

<https://rweb.ucr.edu/>

After your completed financial aid application has been reviewed, your award package will be available via the R'Web website. This will include your estimated cost of attendance (i.e., student expense budget), your financial aid eligibility, and any remaining outstanding requirements (e.g., entrance loan counseling).

● **Orientation**

The New Student Orientation program is a mandatory week-long series of events for all recently admitted MD and PhD students that will take place in-person at UCR. Details will be shared early July.

Event Date: August 4-8, 2025

● **White Coat Ceremony**

The White Coat Ceremony is where medical students are presented with their white coats, which symbolizes the transition into clinical practice and the responsibilities associated with healthcare professions. Attendance is optional however strongly encouraged.

Event Date: August 8th, 2025

● **Exit Evaluation (responsiveness about each unit)**

The Exit Evaluation is a survey to provide feedback on our various School of Medicine Student Affairs units. This survey is not mandatory. Survey will be sent in early July.

Deadline: August 8th, 2025