

Lunchtime Schedule-12:25-1:40pm:

- 12:25-12:40 Buffet Line & Eat
- 12:40-12:55 Lunch Table Discussions
- 1:00-1:15 Lunch Table Discussions
- 1:20-1:35 Lunch Table Discussions

Table #	Topic	Host
1	Montana Track Offices	Missoula Track Office
2-3	Advisors	PreMed Advisors from Montana colleges
4-5	MT WWAMI Students	Current UWSOM MT WWAMI Students
6-7	MCAT	Students from UM, MSU & Carroll College
8	MT WWAMI	Jay Erickson, MD & Brant Schumaker, DVM, MPVM, PhD
9	TRUST	Lisa Benzel, & Sara Houston, MT TRUST Directors
10-11	Military	Representation from US Army, Navy, National Guard, and/or Air Force
12	Loan Repayment Options	Amy Unsworth, Office of Higher Education (OCHE), Serena Brewer, DO, MT WWAMI Clinical Dean



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MT WWAMI Clinical Education Office



Montana WWAMI Pre-Med Summit 2025

BREAKOUT SESSION OVERVIEW

Room #	Breakout 1 (10:30am)	Breakout 2 (11:10am)	Breakout 3 (11:50am)	Breakout 4 (1:50pm)	Breakout 5 (2:30pm)
122	<i>Application/ Interview Advice</i>			<i>Application/ Interview Advice</i>	<i>Application/ Interview Advice</i>
232	<i>MCAT Basics</i>	<i>MCAT Basics</i>			<i>MCAT Basics</i>
234	<i>Loan Repayment</i>	<i>Loan Repayment</i>	<i>Job Shadow</i>	<i>Loan Repayment</i>	<i>Job Shadow</i>
235	<i>TRUST</i>		<i>TRUST</i>	<i>TRUST</i>	
237		<i>MT WWAMI Student Q&A</i>	<i>MT WWAMI Student Q&A</i>	<i>MT WWAMI Student Q&A</i>	
338	<i>Financing Medical School</i>	<i>Financing Medical School</i>	<i>MCAT Tips- Students</i>		<i>MCAT Tips- Students</i>
339		<i>MD/PhD Program</i>	<i>Pre-Med Research</i>	<i>MD/PhD Program</i>	<i>PreMed Research</i>



PRE-MED SUMMIT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Application/Interview Process Advice Jim Guyer, MD & Stella Yee, UWSOM

An overview of the timeline and process for application to medical school will be presented. Intended for students with no or limited access to Pre-Medical Advising on their campuses, this breakout session will be a group advising session for students. The basic elements of a successful applicant packet, how to present yourself in written documents, and a small glimpse into the world of an admissions committee member will be covered.

This session is offered in Sessions 1, 4, and 5 in Room 122.

Loan Repayment Programs: NHSC/SLRP/MRPIP Serena Brewer, DO & Amy Unsworth, OCHE

Participants will learn about options to help finance medical school through the National Health Service Corps programs – Scholar, Loan Repayment, and Student-to-Service. The Montana Rural Physician Incentive Program (MRPIP) will also be covered as another option available to future Montana practitioners. Q & A for individual questions.

This session is offered in Sessions 1,2 and 4 in Room 234.

MCAT Tips from Students

This session will allow you an opportunity to hear firsthand from students who recently took the MCAT, what worked well for them, what they would do differently, etc.,. Students are from UM, MSU & Carroll College, and used various study options.

This session is offered in Sessions 3 and 5 in Room 338.

MT WWAMI Students - Q&A

Current UWSOM MT WWAMI students will lead this session, giving you an inside look at life as a medical student. This will be a Q&A session, where you will be able to ask the students about their experience in medical school.

This session is offered in Sessions 2, 3, and 4 in Room 237.

MCAT Basics Hilary Becker & Laurie Rodriguez

This session will offer a broad overview of the MCAT, including its structure, timing, and recent updates, shared by PreMed Advisors. There will also be some general information regarding test preparation resources. Please bring your questions.

This session is offered in Sessions 1, 2, and 5 in Room 232.

MD/PhD Program, Brant Schumaker, DVM, MPVM, PhD, MSU

This session will cover some of the following along with questions you may have:

- How are MD/PhD programs structured?
- Describe the typical curriculum of an MD/PhD student, using the UW program as an example (with handout).
- How does the admissions process differ, and what does it take to get admitted into an MD/PhD program?
- What are the financial implications of doing an MD/PhD vs. MD?
- What are the career options and typical choices of MD/PhD graduates?
- Compare programs at other schools (e.g. Oregon, Colorado); describe MSTP programs.

This session is offered in Sessions 2 and 4 in Room 339.

Job-Shadowing Connections, Liz Kelsey, Sara Houston and Lisa Benzel

Job-shadowing is an integral part of a medical school application, but it can also be difficult to find those connections. This session will provide helpful hints and contacts for shadowing opportunities both in small cities and rural areas of Montana, with primary care providers as well as in more specialized settings. Robot shadowing technology is also available so you can shadow from anywhere. Come learn about the options available and meet the staff who are available to help.

This session is offered in Sessions 3 and 5 in Room 234.

Pre-Med Research Experience, Mark Pershouse, PhD, UM & Brant Schumaker, DVM, MPVM, PhD, MSU

Undergraduate research exposes students to the concepts of verifiable truth and anecdote. Research is also a way to demonstrate the ability to work independently and to polish verbal and written presentation skills. The scientific method, an integral part of modern research, teaches us to be sure our work can be replicated by others, establishes findings that meet statistical tests of significance, and asks relevant questions. These are the underpinnings of testing new drugs, new treatments for clinical medicine; the pipeline for therapeutics of tomorrow. If Covid 19 taught us nothing else, it was that science is important in establishing which drugs and treatments should be applied to improve health. Scientific method also is critical in a physician's approach to complex symptomology. What labs are requested, what drugs are employed, what questions are asked; these are based on testable hypotheses and relevant questions.

This session is offered in Sessions 3 and 5 in Room 339.

TRUST Lisa Benzel and Sara Houston, TRUST Directors & Jay Erickson, MD

The Targeted Rural and Underserved Track (TRUST) is available for 12+ MT WWAMI entering students each year who are selected through the application and interview process. TRUST seeks to provide a continuous connection between underserved communities, medical education, and health professionals in our region. This session will explain the TRUST program in detail and we will be available to answer any questions or clarifications you might have.

This session is offered in Sessions 1, 3, and 4 in Room 235.

Financing Medical School, Jay Erickson, MD

Paying for medical school can seem like a daunting task! Learn what medical school costs and all the different opportunities available to help pay for the cost of attending medical school.

This session is offered in Sessions 1 and 2 in room 338.

