JHU AADSAS Applicant Guide
Entry Year 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

April 16, 2025: AADSAS Fee Assistance Program (FAP) application opens.

May 13, 2025: 2025-2026 AADSAS application opens.

June 3, 2025: First day to submit your 2025 AADSAS application.

February 6, 2026: AADSAS closes.

February 11, 2026: last day to submit all official documents to AADSAS.

➔ **Plan to submit your application as soon as possible after the submission date opens.**

There are four (4) sections to the AADSAS application, which are noted as follows:

1. **Personal Information**
- **Please select "yes" to the "release of information to health professions advisors." This allows our Pre-Professional advisors the ability to view parts of your application.**

- This section will ask for biographic information, contact information, citizenship information, environmental factors, parent/guardian information, race and ethnicity, and other information.
    - Please note: "other information" is where you can write about academic infraction, COVID-19 impact, manual dexterity, and more.

    - **Updates to this section**:
        - Preferred Name: A Preferred Name question has been added.
        - Phonetic Name: A Phonetic Name question has been added to assist admissions staff to pronounce applicants' names correctly.
        - Application Initiation: A question about applicant's current location has been added.

- o Citizenship Information: Added section on Canadian Residency to collect legal province of residence information.

- o If you have an academic violation, AADSAS directions are as follows: *Indicate whether you have ever been disciplined or placed on academic probation while attending an academic institution. If you select Yes, enter a brief explanation in the field provided. Include 1) a brief description of the incident, 2) specific charge made, 3) related dates, 4) consequence(s), and 5) a reflection on the incident and how the incident has impacted your life.*

- o The explanation you write will provide context for dental schools. When admissions committees see that you have an institutional action, they carefully read the explanation. This explanation allows them to consider the occurrence in the broad context of your overall achievements.

2. Academic History
- This section will ask for high schools attended, colleges attended, transcript entry, continuing education courses, and standardized tests.

- For high school attended, applicants will search for their high school in a drop-down list.

- For colleges attended, from the drop-down list of schools, please be sure to select **Johns Hopkins University.**
  - o Please check SIS to ensure you know what type of degree you are earning.

  - o Johns Hopkins uses the semester term system.

  - o When entering course numbers, you should include both the letters (AS or EN) and the 6-digit number that appear on your transcript (e.g., AS.030.205 or EN.550.111).

  - o List your grades exactly as they appear on your official transcript. This includes listing + or - modifiers.

  - o Grades with S* or S** that were earned during COVID-19 will not be able to have the * added. You should just list the S by itself, or use the AADSAS formula of "CR" when credit is awarded.

  - o You should enter any courses you plan to take in the near future.
    - ▪ Make sure you select **In Progress/Planned** for the term you're listing the course under.

- If your transcript lists labs separately, you must list them as separate courses on your application as well. Record the labs exactly as they appear on your transcript. If your transcript combines lab and lecture courses into one course, list it as one course on your application.

- If you will be taking or have taken classes at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health while you were an undergraduate (as part of your Public Health Studies major), do not enter JHSPH as a separate school. List the public health classes just as you would regular semester classes and classify them as Senior Year and not as graduate classes. **It is not necessary for you to request a separate transcript from the JHSPH.**

- After you enter all courses, you will start Transcript Review where you will be asked to identify courses that are Primary Institution, Repeated, Advanced Placement credit, Other Test Credit, Honors, and Study Abroad. If you need any help, please visit the [Transcript Entry Page](#).

- Applicants may request official electronic transcripts online through the National Student Clearinghouse at https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/registrar/students/transcripts/.
    - **If you are a current JHU undergraduate, please do not request your transcript until final grades are posted for the spring semester.**

    - From the drop-down list of schools, please be sure to select **Johns Hopkins Arts, Sciences, and Engineering; school code 002077-02.**

      You do not need to wait for your degree completion statement or honors statement to be posted to send your transcript, as the purpose of the transcript is just to verify your coursework. (If you would like to note that you have received general/departmental honors, you may list it under Honors/Awards/Recognitions in the Work & Activities section.)

    - Allow 7-10 business days for processing.

    - Alumni no longer have access to unofficial transcripts in SIS. Alumni would need to request a transcript from the National Student Clearinghouse and have the transcript sent to themselves (personal email); this is considered an unofficial transcript.

- Specific schools do not receive your official transcripts when you apply; you will be submitting your transcript(s) to AADSAS.

- If you took a course at another university, but did not transfer the course credit to JHU, you must enter that course into your AADSAS application and submit a transcript for that university.
- If you have transfer credit on your Hopkins transcript, enter the courses on your AADSAS application as they appear on the transcript from the school where you originally attempted the courses, not as they appear on your JHU transcript. List courses under the school at which you originally took the courses and do not list them twice.

- AP credit coursework should be listed if it appears on your Hopkins transcript. Enter AP courses under the term in which the college credit was initially granted. If no term is designated, include these credits with freshman coursework (FR).

  - If your transcript gives credit for the class but says labs are waived, i.e.: BIOL Biology (Labs I and II waived), your AADSAS application should indicate this as "lecture only" because you're getting credit for the courses, not the labs.

- You can submit your AADSAS application before AADSAS receives your transcript.

- Self-report your DAT scores in the Standardized Tests section of the application and include your DENTPIN.
  - Go to the American Dental Association site and request your scores be released to ADEA AADSAS. Check with the American Dental Association about their turnaround and processing times.

  - After the American Dental Association processing, scores are sent to ADEA AADSAS in batches and then posted to applications every weekday. You can view scores attached to your application in the Standardized Tests section of the Check Status tab.

3. **Supporting Information**
- This section will ask for evaluations, experiences, achievements, licenses, and your personal statement.

- **For "Evaluations," you are receiving a Committee Letter. The "evaluator" information is as follows:**
  Carolyn Krause
  Administrative Coordinator
  Office of Pre-Professional Programs & Advising
  Johns Hopkins University
  Shriver Hall, suite 030
  3400 North Charles Street
  Baltimore, MD 21218

Please note that while you can indicate a "due date" in this request, we do not begin uploading committee letters until July, and it's a process that can take us many weeks to complete (into August). Additionally, we cannot provide a specific committee letter submission date/deadline to applicants. This will not negatively impact your application.

- AADSAS has no limit on the number of experiences you can list on your application.
  - There are 8 categories of experiences: Academic Enrichment, Dental Experience, Dental Shadowing (In-Person), Dental Shadowing (Virtual), Employment, Extracurricular Activities, Research, and Volunteer Experience. For descriptions of these categories, please visit the Experiences Page.

  - Note that you cannot repeat hours between experience types. So, if position duties encompass more than one section, enter the position in both sections and divide the hours and duties accordingly.

  - Write your experience descriptions with the assumption that the reader has no knowledge of the organization or activity in which you participated. The suggested format is to:
    - describe the nature of the organization or experience,
    - describe what you did or accomplished, and
    - describe what you learned.

  - Brevity and conciseness are preferred, but you also want to thoroughly explain what you gained from each experience.

    Once you have added all your experiences, click the star icon next to an experience in the **My Experiences** list to mark it as your most important. You can select up to 6 experiences to highlight as your most important.

- In this section, you can also enter relevant professional or academic achievements. There is no limit.
  - There are three categories of achievements: Awards, Honors, and Scholarships. For descriptions of these categories, please visit the Achievements Page.

    Once you have added all your achievements, click the star icon next to an achievement in the **My Achievements** list to mark it as your most important. You can select up to 4 achievements to highlight as most important.

- You will also write a personal statement that will be shared with all your dental schools explaining why you want to pursue a dental career.
  - Here are the requirements listed by the ADEA AADSAS:
    - **Keep your topic general**: Keep the statement general as this essay is sent to all the programs you apply to. If you plan to only apply to one program, we still strongly recommend keeping your statement general in case you later apply to additional programs. Once you submit your application, the essay cannot be edited or changed.

    - **Do not exceed the maximum length**: You can see both the word and character count below the field in the application. The right-hand number shows the maximum number of characters that you can use in your essay. As you type, you can see how many characters are still available and the associated word count. Characters include spaces, carriage returns, and punctuation. You cannot save your essay if it exceeds the 4,500-character limit.

    - **Use your own words**: Plagiarizing any part of your essay is a violation of the code of conduct and may subject you to sanctions.

    - **Use simple formatting**: Formatting such as tabs, italics, multiple spaces, etc., will not be saved. To delineate paragraphs, type a double return between each paragraph.

4. **Program Materials**
- This section includes additional information and requirements for the programs you selected in the Add Program tab. Each program's requirements may vary, so it's important you review this section in detail.

Questions? Contact ADEA AADSAS Applicant Customer Service
Available Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (except Federal Holidays)
Phone: 617-612-2045
Email: aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org

https://www.adea.org/GoDental/Apply/ → General Overview & Outline
https://help.liaisonedu.com/ADEA_AADSAS_Applicant_Help_Center --> Applicant Help Center

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Other Tips:

In Progress Applications: Applicants with an application status of "In progress" can now update their experiences after submission.

When to apply: Apply Early! AADSAS processing can take 4-6 weeks. There is no need to sync other parts of your application (LORs, your completed committee letter, etc.) with your AADSAS application. Send it in!

Application Costs: The base fee to apply to one dental school through ADEA AADSAS is $264 and each additional designation will be $115. AADSAS does offer application fee assistance to those who demonstrate extreme financial need.

For a list of dental schools that have supplemental applications ("Secondaries") and their deadlines, visit:
https://www.adea.org/GoDental/Health_Professions_Advisors/ADEA_s_Quick_Guide__Advising_Predental_Students.aspx

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Additional Information:
- ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools is a helpful resource that can be purchased here: http://www.adea.org/OfficialGuide/
- Typically, applicants apply to 10-15 dental schools
- Deciding where to apply tips:
- http://www.adea.org/GoDental/Application_Prep/The_Admissions_Process/Deciding_where_to_apply.aspx#sthash.NBJIqNbX.dpbs
- Personal statement advice (4500 characters) can be found here:
- http://www.adea.org/GoDental/Application_Prep/The_Admissions_Process/Personal_statement.aspx#sthash.esGBx2GW.dpbs
- Most dental schools will have secondaries/supplemental applications. It is advised that applicants aim to have these completed and submitted by early August.
- Interviews can start in early fall and will run through the spring.
- First offers of acceptance go out on December 15, 2025.