



JHU Supplement to the AMCAS Application Entry Year 2026

GENERAL TIPS

This guide provides information on completing your AMCAS application that is specific to Johns Hopkins University and some helpful reminders for completing the application in general.

- It is imperative that you download the [2026 AMCAS Applicant Guide](#) before beginning your AMCAS application and use it along with this supplement as you complete your application.
- AMCAS will review and verify your application once [official transcripts](#) are received; they calculate a **BCPM (biology, chemistry, physics, math) GPA, AO (all other) GPA, and Total GPA**. (They do not read or evaluate other parts of your application.)
- Plan to submit your AMCAS application as soon as possible after the submission date opens.
*Please review application tips below before submitting your application.
 - AMCAS opens May 1st
 - Submissions begin May 27th
 - Verified application transmission to medical schools begins June 27th
 - *During peak season (June-August), AMCAS verification may take six to eight weeks*
- Your Committee Letter + individual letters of evaluation follow a different timeline than your AMCAS application and **DO NOT** need to be received by AMCAS in order for your application to be verified.
- **Contact AMCAS directly for specific application questions— their staff are trained to answer your questions. Click [HERE](#) for AMCAS Contact information**

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After you log into your AAMC account, there are nine (9) sections to the AMCAS application, which are noted as follows:

1. Identifying Information

- Most of the directions provided in the 2026 Applicant Guide do not require additional explanation.
- For ID numbers, we suggest adding the Hopkins ID number found at the top of your transcript.

2. Schools Attended

- **Please select “yes” to the Advisor Release statement to give JHU advisors the ability to view parts of your application.**
- You must list every postsecondary institution where you were enrolled for **at least one course**. Review the [AMCAS Applicant Guide](#) page 12 in the document for more information.
- 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. **It is not necessary for you to request a separate transcript from the JHSPH.**
- **Please note: You MUST request an official transcript(s) from ALL institutions attended.**
 - Review the AMCAS Applicant Guide on page 13 for additional information on exceptions
 - For Hopkins, 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 University, School of Arts, Sciences & 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 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.)*

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- Alumni no longer have access to unofficial transcripts in SIS. If you do not have a copy of your final transcript, 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. This also allows alumni to have a transcript for their records and input the name of the courses in the AMCAS portal as they are listed on the transcript.
- **Things to keep in mind about transcripts:**
 - Medical schools do not receive your official transcripts when you apply; you will be submitting your official transcript(s) to AMCAS.
 - If you have taken classes at other colleges or universities, you must list that coursework as well, not just courses you completed at JHU. *You must request transcripts from each institution you've attended.
 - You can submit your AMCAS application before AMCAS receives your transcript.
- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION updated for EY 26 application cycle- Institutional Action Statement:**
 - "If you were ever the recipient of any institutional action by any college or medical school for unacceptable academic performance or conduct violation, you must answer Yes, even if such action did not interrupt your enrollment or require you to withdraw. **However, you may answer No if the action was deleted or otherwise removed from your record by the institution. Examples of institutional actions include, but are not limited to, academic probation, academic standing warnings, suspension, residence hall policy violations, and ethics policy violations.**
 - Failure to provide an accurate answer to the question about institutional action or, if applicable, failure to complete the form provided by the school may result in an investigation. The AMCAS program will report institutional actions listed on your transcript, regardless of whether you report them on your application. Medical schools require you to answer the question accurately and provide all relevant information. Medical schools understand that many individuals learn from the past and emerge stronger as a result. Full disclosure will enable medical schools to evaluate the information more effectively within the context of your application.
 - If you become the subject of an institutional action after certifying and submitting the AMCAS application, you are required to inform your designated medical school(s) within 10 business days of the date of the occurrence.

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- If you select Yes you were a recipient of an institutional action, you will be prompted to select an institutional action category from the drop-down list (“conduct,” “academic,” or “both”).
- It is the explanation you provide that puts the occurrence into context for medical 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.

3. **Biographic Information**

- The directions provided in the 2026 Applicant Guide do not require additional explanation.
- Other Impactful Experiences Section: This is where you can explain overcoming major challenges or obstacles. AMCAS gives examples of categories to consider for answering this question, including family background, financial background, educational experiences, etc (any point in your lifetime). *You should explain what you have faced and how you have overcome challenges in the areas discussed. Demonstrate what you have learned and show your distanced travelled, growth & resilience.* Please remember that this question does not pertain to everyone, and medical schools do not expect all applicants to answer “yes” to this question. Read [HERE](#) for more context.

4. **Coursework**

- The AMCAS academic year starts in summer and ends in spring.
- Under the “Add Course” link: when entering the “Academic Term” for JHU courses, please scroll to (and select) the **“4-1-4 System.”** (This equates to 4 months in the fall, 1 month during the winter break, and 4 months in the spring).
 - For many colleges and universities, you can look at the back of your official transcript to see the “system” by which the institution operates. If you are unsure, you can contact the school's Registrar's Office or an AMCAS Applicant Relations Specialist to get clarification. It will not negatively affect your application if you choose the incorrect system.
- **Assigning “Year In School” status & undergraduate vs. graduate course work:**
 - Assign high school status to college-level courses (such as those from a community college) taken while you were in high school.

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- 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, ie: BIOL Biology (Labs I and II waived), your AMCAS application should indicate this as “lecture only” because you’re getting credit for the courses, not the labs.
- **If you earned your Bachelor’s degree in 3 years**, assign Freshman (FR), Sophomore (SO), and Senior (SR) status to your courses (skip Junior).
- BME students (or other 3+1 programs) getting their master’s degree at the same time as their undergraduate degree should create two different program types- 1 for undergrad and 1 for masters. **The courses that double-count towards both your master's and undergraduate degrees should be listed twice- once for each degree.**
- For classes taken at Bloomberg School of Public Health while you were an undergraduate (as part of your Public Health Studies major), list the public health classes just as you would regular semester classes and classify them as Senior Year (SR) and not as graduate classes.
- If you received a master’s degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the AMCAS quarters match up with the Bloomberg quarters as follows:
 - Summer quarter (QS) = summer
 - First quarter (Q1) = fall
 - Second quarter (Q2) = winter
 - Third quarter (Q3) = spring
- Courses taken at Peabody can be listed as if you took them at Homewood since they are listed that way on your Hopkins transcript.
- When entering Course Class, choose the most appropriate label using the [AMCAS course classification guide](#).
- When entering course numbers, include both the letters (AS or EN) and the 6-digit number that appears on your transcript (e.g., AS.030.205 or EN.550.111).

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- List your course name and grades exactly as they appear on your official transcript. This includes listing + or - modifiers.
- Grades with S* or S** that were earned during COVID-19 should be listed with the * notation.
- Even if a lab includes small lectures/pre-labs, it should be classified as “Lab Only” if it is paired with a corresponding lecture (for example, PEBL would be classified as “Lab Only” while Biochemistry would be classified as “Lecture Only”). Scientific Communication may be classified as “Lab Only.”
- **If you have first-semester covered grades**, enter them as S/U and then check the "Pass/Fail" box on the bottom of the screen. (You should do this for any class you took S/U.) First-semester freshman-year grades cannot be uncovered unless you receive a specific request from a medical/dental school asking you to uncover the grades.
- If you repeated a course, you must enter both the original grade AND the repeated grade.
 - **Be certain to designate both attempts of the course as “Repeat” (there is a checkbox for repeat at the bottom of the screen).**
- If you are planning to take classes in the fall, list those projected courses and indicate "Current/Future" as the course type. *If you end up not taking one of the courses, it is not necessary for you to contact AMCAS or individual medical schools.*
- In the case of **research for credit**, for "Course Type," select “Lab Only.” For “Course Classification,” select the abbreviation of the department that is awarding the credit (e.g., BIOL). Do not designate research for credit as “Special Studies.” If the research for credit is graded, the course will be calculated into your GPA and if the department awarding the credit and grade is Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Math, the course will be calculated into your BCPM GPA.
- Medical Tutorials can be classified under “Health Sciences” (HEAL). You can decide if the Medical Tutorial best fits as a lecture or a lab; just be sure you can explain whichever option you select, in case you are asked about it.
- If you took a course at another university but did not transfer the course credit to JHU, you must enter that course into your AMCAS application and submit a transcript for that university.

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- If you have transfer credit on your Hopkins transcript, enter the courses on your AMCAS 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.
- Review AAMC's tutorial on how to enter study abroad coursework [HERE](#). All study abroad questions can be answered by AMCAS representatives via phone or email.

5. **Work and Activities**

- This section closely mirrors the Work and Activities section of the HPA. However, there are nuances and differences between the HPA Work and Activities.
 - When adding experiences, you can include current and completed experiences, as well as anticipated experiences. If you choose to list an anticipated experience, it must be a definitive, confirmed experience, not simply something you hope to do.
 - You can combine activities if you have more than 15 experiences (i.e. multiple shadowing experiences, or publication with research experience, multiple honors/awards) Use your best judgment.
- You can list activities in any order since AMCAS with reorder them using their internal process.
- High school activities should only be included if they were very important/significant and show continuity into college.
- 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 and skills you have gained.

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

- For shadowing you may consolidate experiences by listing more than one experience in the description.
 - For shadowing choose one contact to serve as main contact and list other shadowing experiences in the description. Make sure to include the full name of the physician, speciality, setting of experience, and number of hours completed. (*i.e. Dr. John Doe, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Orthopaedics, 15hrs*)

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- For publication, you may also consolidate experiences by listing more than one publication in the description.
 - If you list a publication, make sure it's been submitted for publication. If the paper is under review or in a waiting status, indicate this in the description (*i.e. Under Review: Tara, B., Deb., D., Bennett, Z., et al. Autonomous Cardiac Magnetic Resonance. Nature Journal*).
 - For publications where you hold a specific level of authorship, feel free to indicate it after the description. (*i.e. Tab, Y*, Alson, S*, et al. Lack of Full Transmurality in Atrial Fibrosis Distribution Promotes Arrhythmogenic Activity. JACC: Electrophysiology. *Co-first author*).
- If you are an alum who is including a student organization on your application, the contact person should be someone who can verify your participation in that former org. Faculty/staff advisor or University student organization office may be better than listing peers or current president.

6. Letters of Evaluation

- Add Letter of Evaluation/Recommendation: It is imperative that you select “**COMMITTEE LETTER**” from the options given. (The Pre-Professional Office combines your individual letters of recommendation submitted to Survey Monkey Apply (SMA) with your Committee Letter. We then submit the entire “packet” to AMCAS. But **DO NOT** select “Letter Packet” from the AMCAS options. Select committee letter)
- Letter Title: JHU Committee Letter
- Select School: Johns Hopkins University
- Primary Contact/Author: If you are utilizing the Committee Process at Johns Hopkins University, **you MUST list Carolyn Krause as your primary contact/author and select ‘Committee’ for ‘Type.’**
- When you get to this part of the application, here is the information to include in your AMCAS application. Send your request to the Pre-Professional AAMC Account:

Prefix: Ms.

First Name: Carolyn

Last Name: Krause

Title: Office Manager, Pre-Professional Prog and Adv (please abbreviate office name)

Email: preprofessional@jhu.edu

Organization Name: Johns Hopkins University

Address: 3400 N. Charles Street

Country: United States

State: Maryland

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- You will be asked:
 - Do you want to prepare and print your Letter Request Form now? **You can say yes if you would like to keep a copy for your records. Pre-Prof does not need a copy of this. We will use your unverified application to retrieve your letter ID number.**
- Upload a copy of your unverified application to SMA in the LOR & Materials section. Please make sure it includes the submission date before uploading to SMA- *see the image below:*

		AMCAS REPORT - 2024 ENTERING CLASS		Applicant Copy
REPORT DATE: 05/31/2023 07:40 PM	SUBMISSION DATE: 05/31/2023 07:33 PM		PROCESSED DATE:	
Applicant's Legal Name: [REDACTED]	AACMC ID: [REDACTED]		Page: 1	
IDENTIFYING INFORMATION				

- After all your documents are submitted in SMA, Pre-Professional Advising will upload your Committee Letter packet to medical schools through AMCAS.
- After all documents (LORS, unverified application, and unofficial transcripts) are submitted to SMA (Letter of Rec & Materials Section) please allow 4-6 weeks from the date of submission for your letter to be finalized and uploaded to AMCAS in which you are applying. The Pre-Professional Office begins uploading Committee Letter packets first week of July. *Please do not inquire about your status unless it exceeds the 6 weeks indicated.*

7. Medical Schools

- You can add schools after you've submitted your application, but you cannot delete schools. Be judicious when choosing schools because there is a fee for each school you add to your application, which can get expensive.
- You will see a screen that says:
 - Select your letters of evaluation/recommendation for (fill in the blank) College of Medicine.
 - **Carolyn Krause should be the only name listed unless you are submitting additional letter outside of the CL**
 - **Check the box next to her name and then click "continue."**
 - You will then be returned to the main school list screen, and you should see Ms. Krause's name listed underneath the school.

8. Essays

- To avoid formatting issues, you should draft your essay(s) in a plain text format, such as Microsoft Notepad or Mac TextEdit or type your final essay into the application.

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- MD-PhD applicants have two additional essays to complete.

9. **Standardized Tests**

- MCAT scores are automatically released to medical schools.
- If you have not yet taken the MCAT or plan to re-take the exam, be sure to list future test dates.

PREview Scores

- Similar to MCAT scores, PREview scores will automatically release to medical schools

Application Tips

- Early (by June 15th) submission is good, but error-free is better.
- Proofread! Before submitting your application, review it very carefully for missing courses or grades, as well as for typos and errors.
- Monitor the status of transcripts and remember that transcripts must be official.
- Look for emails from AMCAS@aamc.org for updates.
- Review verified coursework immediately after AMCAS processing is complete.
- Utilize AMCAS for specific application questions—they have trained staff to answer your questions.

Getting Help With Your Application *(from the [AMCAS Applicant Guide](#))*

Online | aamc.org/amcas

Answers to most questions are available on our website: aamc.org/amcas.

You will find helpful tools such as FAQs, guides, and video tutorials there, too.

Social Media | Twitter and YouTube

Follow the AMCAS program on Twitter and YouTube at @AMCASinfo. We post updates and announcements on Twitter and provide video tutorials on YouTube to help you fill out your application.

Phone | 202-828-0600

AAMC Services Contact Center (SCC) representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET. Please have your AAMC ID number available when you call.

Submit an Inquiry | [Complete the Form](#)

To ensure a quick response, please include all the required information.

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