

APPLICANT EMAIL

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This email discusses:

- \*Should I send more "stuff"?
- \*Course work for the coming year
- \*Our schedules

**Should I send more "stuff"?**

For most of you, your applications have only recently become complete. There is a long road ahead – probably 6-7 months of interviews and 10 months before each and every decision will be made.

Do you really need to send something else already? Is that additional letter or notice about a publication or additional volunteer activity really going to make that much difference in your application? Those are the questions to ask yourself, realizing admissions offices get thousands of applications each with dozens of pages of information.

Consider what is significant: A submitted publication is not an accepted publication, a nomination for an impressive award is not receipt of an impressive award. Try to put things in perspective.

More likely, additional information – a new letter, some new grades, a new job – will be helpful in late November or December if you have not heard about an interview, or in January if you have not gotten a decision after an interview or have been placed on hold. Those are the times when your file may be reviewed again. Try not to bombard admissions offices with lots of additional stuff.

BOTTOM LINE – If it makes you feel better to send something, then send it. It won't hurt you.

**Course work for the coming year**

Should I take a science or science classes this coming year?

You should keep strengthening your science foundation whether or not you are a full-time student. First and foremost be sure you have a biochemistry course prior to starting med, dent, etc. school. This is in your best interest. Please do not ask us if this is important – it is, mostly for you but secondarily for your application.

What if I have to change the course(s) I listed on my application that I will be taking?

If you make minor changes, it is not important – e.g., you take molecular biology rather than microbiology, or art history versus world music. But if you decide not to

take science or you do not take a course that is required or highly recommended then you do probably want to communicate that change. It may create problems later if you do not communicate it.

## Schedules

Our schedules remain the same as they have all summer with appointments (617-627-2000) and Tuesday and Thursday open hours.

Enjoy the fall.

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