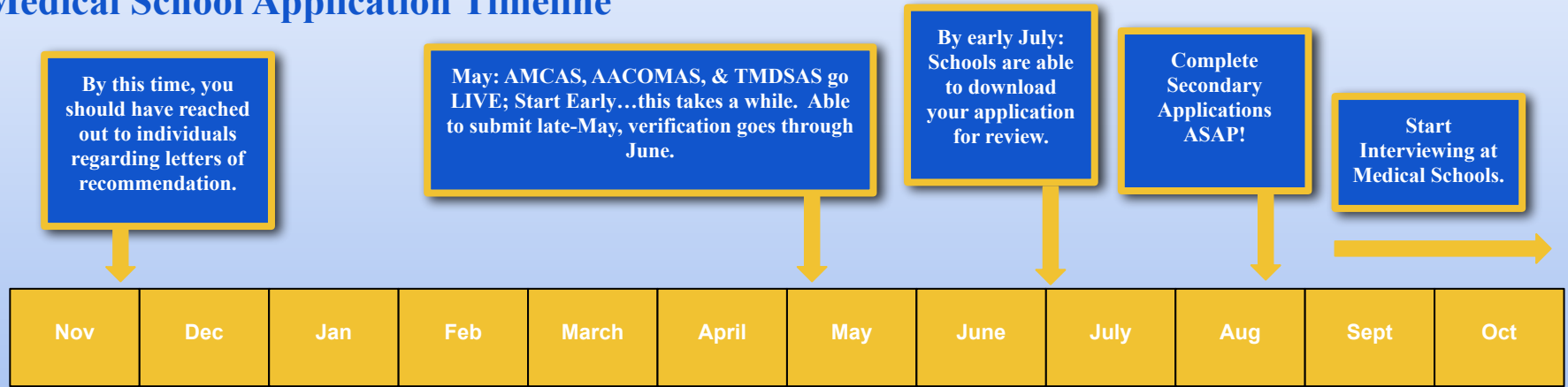


Medical School Application Timeline



Fall prior to App. Year

Application Year: Winter - Spring - (Fall may be in either final year at UCSB or First Gap Year)

Factors to Consider Before Applying

1. **Competitive GPAs:** Cumulative GPA and science/BCPM GPA both at or above 3.5? If not, may consider post-bacc. programs.
2. **Competitive MCAT Score:** Composite score at or above the 50th percentile (501+)? If not, retake?
3. **Extracurricular Involvement**

Shadowing: Able to shadow a variety of physicians in various settings?

Clinical Experience: Work or volunteer experience, ideally with direct patient contact?

Volunteering (Non-Medical): Any service or volunteer work in the local community or your hometown?

Research: Did you participate in undergraduate research?

Other (Student org. involvement, non-medical work, athletics, study/travel abroad, etc.)

4. **Personal Statement:** Draft or Final Draft completed?

5. **Letters of Recommendation:** Requested and tentative date of application has been communicated to writers?

Remember, quality is always better than quantity, and long-term involvement is usually more meaningful than short stints.

