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The ADEA Future of Advanced Dental Education Admissions (ADEA/FADEA) Project

Recent changes in the reporting of National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) scores have placed a focus on the postdoctoral admissions process. Advanced education program directors face new challenges in screening applicants and selecting the best candidates for their programs.

Now ADEA has initiated the ADEA Future of Advanced Dental Education Admissions (ADEA/FADEA) Project, which will offer guides and tools to navigate the postdoctoral dental education admissions environment. The goal of ADEA/FADEA is to identify the best ways to review, compare, and select candidates for advanced dental education programs. It will identify best practices in admissions and assess the value of all inputs into admissions decisionmaking (including not just test results, but also grades, letters of evaluation, class rank, and personal qualities).

ADEA/FADEA's first project was to survey postdoctoral program directors of all accredited dental education programs. The survey collected data on current admission practices and perceptions about the value of existing and possible new factors in the process.

"I am very pleased and proud to be part of the ADEA/FADEA project, to address an issue that is so vitally important to the advanced dental education community and the dental education community at large," said Dr. Todd E. Thierer of the University of Rochester Eastman Department of Dentistry, ADEA Vice President for Hospitals and Advanced Educa-

tion Programs. "It is crucial that as many program directors as possible respond to this survey so that we can have as much information as possible in generating the best strategies for applicant assessment. I know this is something we are all strongly committed to and look forward to sharing the results with you in the near future."

Next will be a stakeholders meeting on May 18, 2010. Participants will represent ADEA Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs (ADEA COHAEP), which vigorously supports this effort; dental specialty organizations; the American Dental Association (ADA), which is currently considering its own role in testing for postdoctoral admissions; students; residents; and dental school deans. At the meeting, they will engage in deeper discussion and clarification of the postdoctoral admissions process.

Initial ADEA/FADEA findings will be presented in fall 2010, through both a second in-person meeting with stakeholders and communications with the broader dental education community. Be sure to check www.adea.org/fadea for new information and announcements.

Findings may take the form of:

- Descriptions of best practices.
- Recommendations for new or modified admissions models.
- Potential changes to ADEA PASS, the common application portal for applicants to advanced dental education programs, voluntarily participated in by 80% of all programs. Changes could be realized beginning with the 2012 application cycle (opening spring 2011) and continue in the 2013 and 2014 cycles.

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Findings and best practices will be further developed at the next ADEA Summit on Advanced Dental Education, expected to take place in fall 2011.

Anne Wells, Ed.D., Associate Executive Director for Educational Pathways

ADEA PASS to Implement Paperless Application Cycle

At the 2010 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in March, ADEA PASS demonstrated the newest version of the Program Directors Portal, now called WebAdMIT. This new PASS feature is a comprehensive application management tool that will enable participating programs to administer their application processing, applicant evaluation and selection, reporting, and candidate communication entirely online.

There will be a special faculty reviewer feature allowing program administrators to securely designate selection committee members to receive applicant files for on-screen, read-only review. The only hard copies will be those program personnel choose to print locally for their own purposes. Most programs will opt to go completely paperless with the 2011 application cycle when it begins on May 18, with WebAdMIT opening for programs in early July.

To prepare for this upgrade, ADEA PASS will offer a series of webinars. You will be able to sign up for one of the available dates and times (see below). Look for an invitation and link to the webinar that will be sent under separate cover in early June. There is no charge for the webinars or for using WebAdMIT during the 2011 application cycle. Webinars will be led by the WebAdMIT project director, Michael Gilbert of Academic Management Systems, Inc. Participants will be able to ask questions and receive advice on implementing WebAdMIT at their program home.

Wednesday, June 23, at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 24, at 10:00 a.m.
Monday, June 28, at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 29, at 2:00 p.m.

We look forward to working with postdoctoral programs as we transition to an all-electronic ADEA PASS for 2011. Several pilot-program participants report that implementation was straightforward and that colleagues readily adapted to the paperless environment.

Peter Storandt, Director of ADEA PASS

Three New Dental Schools Accept Inaugural Classes and Participate in ADEA AADSAS for 2011

The East Carolina University (ECU) School of Dental Medicine is pleased to announce it will accept ADEA AADSAS applications for the 2011 entering class. ECU will admit 50 students per year. In keeping with the mission of educating dentists who will provide oral health care to un-

derserved and rural populations in North Carolina, admission is limited to North Carolina residents. Visit www.ecu.edu/dentistry.

The University of Southern Nevada College of Dental Medicine (USN-CODM) is accepting applications through ADEA AADSAS for its 2011 inaugural entering class. The USNCODM is located at the university's South Jordan, Utah, campus. USN is a nonprofit private institution using a student-centered, active learning, outcomes-based curriculum in which courses are delivered in blocks. Visit www.usn.edu.

Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois (CDMI) is accepting applications through ADEA AADSAS for its inaugural class enrolling in fall 2011. CDMI will enroll an entering class of 125 students and considers for admission those students who possess the academic, professional, and personal qualities necessary for development as exemplary dental professionals. To select these students, the college uses a rolling admissions process within a competitive admissions framework. Its website is coming soon.

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All ADEA Applicants Must Have a DENTPIN®

The 2011 ADEA AADSAS, PASS, and CAAPID applications require all applicants to provide a DENTPIN®, a unique identification number assigned to each applicant and student in dental education and standardized testing programs. Applicants may have obtained a DENTPIN® when they registered for the DAT. If not, they will be prompted to acquire a DENTPIN® when they create their 2011 ADEA AADSAS, PASS, or CAAPID application account on the ADEA website.

The DENTPIN® will follow the individual throughout her or his dental education career and will be required to register for future examinations. To register for a DENTPIN® or to look up a current DENTPIN®, go to www.ada.org/goto/dentpin.

Drake Washington, ADEA DEP Projects Coordinator

Welcome to the New ADEA AADSAS Fee Assistance Program (FAP) for 2011

The Fee Assistance Program (FAP) for 2011 replaces the previous Fee Reduction Program (FRP). For the 2011 cycle, ADEA AADSAS applicants who apply to the Fee Assistance Program and are approved will receive an AADSAS fee waiver for the first dental school designation in the amount of \$227. Qualifying applicants will receive the benefit at the time they submit their dental school application. The FAP was put in place for this coming cycle so more ADEA AADSAS applicants have a chance to receive the benefits of this program. Applicants are encouraged to apply if they are experiencing extreme financial hardship.

Leslie Payne, ADEA AADSAS Fee Assistance Coordinator

DAT Scores Imported Directly into ADEA AADSAS Application

Starting with the 2011 ADEA AADSAS application cycle, applicants no longer self-report DAT scores. ADEA AADSAS will obtain official DAT scores directly from the American Dental Association's Testing Services Center and import them directly into applications. DAT scores will be disseminated to all AADSAS participating dental schools designated by the applicant. If the DAT is taken after the ADEA AADSAS application has been sent to an applicant's designated dental schools, an updated application reflecting new DAT scores will be forwarded to schools as soon as scores are received.

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ADEA AADSAS Criminal Background Checks

ADEA AADSAS is offering a new service for dental schools that wish to obtain a criminal background check on all admitted applicants. Our ADEA corporate partner, Certiphi Screening, Inc., is currently contacting admissions officers regarding participation. The program is optional. Individuals who are extended offers of admission to participating dental schools will be contacted by Certiphi Screening, Inc. to authorize a background check after the admissions offer has been made.

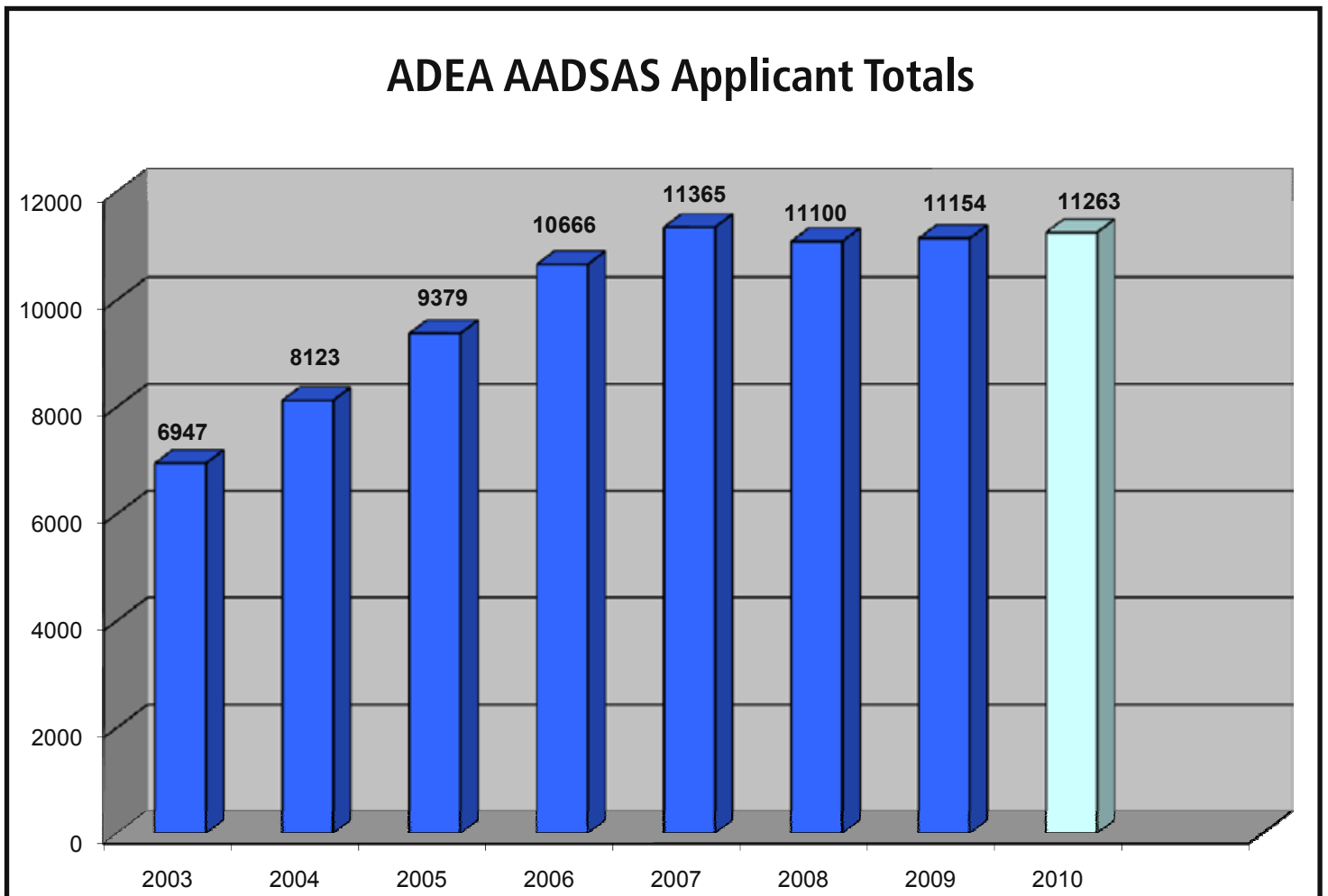
Dental schools that wish to participate in this new service may contact Chonte James, Director of AADSAS; jamesc@adea.org.

New language in the ADEA AADSAS application instructs applicants about the consequences of misrepresenting themselves in the application process. Failure to disclose is a serious matter and may affect an applicant's admission to dental school.

Anne Wells, Ed.D., Associate Executive Director for Educational Pathways

ADEA AADSAS Update

The 2010 ADEA AADSAS application cycle closed on February 1, 2010. There were 11,263 applicants, 82 more than last year. For 2010, the ADEA AADSAS applicant pool is 46% females and 54% males. Applicants selected an average of 10 dental schools through AADSAS.



Introducing ADEA AADSAS 2011

The 2011 ADEA AADSAS application cycle launches June 3, 2010. Dental schools will receive applications from ADEA AADSAS starting late June 2010. Changes to the application include

- Adding a question about felony charges or convictions
- Revising the occupation codes
- Adding the Applicant Code of Conduct to the application

The ADEA AADSAS application fee for 2011 is \$227 for the first designation and \$72 for each additional designation.

Admissions Officers Portal

The following changes will apply to the Admissions Officers Portal for the 2011 application cycle:

- Adding completed English courses to the summary report that includes courses in biology, chemistry, and physics
- Including up to four most recent official DAT scores from the ADA in the summary report
- Designating one admissions officer at each dental school to assign access to the 2011 Admissions Officers Portal to the school's staff
- Adding ability to communicate with applicants with "in progress" status through the Admissions Officers Portal

How to Apply to Dental School for the 2011 ADEA AADSAS Application cycle is now available. View the ADEA AADSAS presentation at www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/aadsas/ and click on "How to apply to Dental School...For the 2011 entering class"

2011 ADEA AADSAS Calendar

Mid-May 2010 – AClient available

Early June 2010 – Admissions Officers Portal available

June 3, 2010 – ADEA AADSAS application opening date

February 1, 2011 – ADEA AADSAS application closing date

ADEA AADSAS Traffic Rule Modified

The ADEA 2010 House of Delegates approved changes starting with the 2011 application cycle.

Policy Statements related to extending offers of admission to predoctoral programs include:

- Allow a response period to offers of admission as follows:
 - * 30 days for candidates admitted between December 1 and January 31
 - * 15 days for candidates admitted after February 1
- The response period may be lifted after May 15.

- AADSAS participating schools report to AADSAS by April 1 the names and AADSAS ID number of candidates holding positions.

* After April 5, AADSAS reports to each school the names of their candidates who are holding more than one position at dental schools; schools may rescind offers of admission to such candidates after allowing a 15-day response period.

Chonte James, Director of ADEA AADSAS

The Evolving Outreach Network

The ADEA Division of Educational Pathways (ADEA DEP) expanded its initiatives to reach students from all backgrounds with the first Annual ADEA Student and Advisor Workshop and Recruitment Fair. On February 27, before the opening of the 2010 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, students from high schools, community colleges, and four-year colleges and universities across the region gathered to learn first-hand how exciting and rewarding a career in dentistry can be. Deans, admissions officers, student doctors, advisors, and ADEA staff were on hand to answer questions from prospective students, parents, and counselors.

ADEA continues to move forward into the ever-evolving world of social media and viral marketing. ADEA can be found on Wikipedia, Facebook, and YouTube, with more sites to be added in the near future. ADEA DEP's first priority is to provide students with up-to-date information about all dental education initiatives.

ExploreHealthCareers.org (EHC) is performing peer review and editing on each health profession listed on the site. EHC strives to have the most up-to-date job overviews and funding sources for students, parents, and counselors to utilize.

Joshua Hargrove, AADSAS Networking and Recruitment Associate

ADEA CAAPID Roundup

The 2010 ADEA CAAPID application cycle closed on February 15, 2010. We had an extremely successful first application cycle, with 17 schools participating. We processed 1,098 applicants (398 males, 700 females) and mailed 3,579 applications. On average, an applicant applied to 3.27 programs, with the highest number of designations being 17.

The 2011 ADEA CAAPID application cycle successfully opened on April 15, 2010. The first ADEA CAAPID mailing occurred at the end of April. We have 21 participating schools:

University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry (beginning July 2010)

Loma Linda University School of Dentistry

University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry

University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

University of Southern California Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry

Howard University College of Dentistry

Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine
University of Florida College of Dentistry
Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry
University of Michigan School of Dentistry
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
New York University College of Dentistry
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine
The Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry, Temple University
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry
Marquette University School of Dentistry
University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry

All advanced standing programs are welcome to join. There is no cost, and it's not too late. Simply complete and submit the ADEA CAAPID Program Participation Form at <http://adeamoss.adea.org/forms/caapid-pf.htm> to begin the process.

Yolanda Jones, ADEA CAAPID Operations Manager

ADEA PASS Update

The 2010 ADEA PASS application cycle closed on February 15, 2010. We processed 3,971 applicants and mailed 42,189 applications. On average, an applicant applied to 10.4 of the 553 participating programs.

The 2011 ADEA PASS application cycle will open on May 18, 2010. This will be the first application cycle that ADEA PASS will be paperless. To help with the transition, ADEA PASS will be expanding the functionality found in the Program Directors Portal by introducing WebAdMIT. See article on page 2 for details.

Yolanda Jones, ADEA PASS Operations Manager