ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service
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Dental School Grade Distributions
2018-2019 Cycle

Background
Program directors have found it difficult assessing whether an applicant's GPA is average or exceptional at a given dental school. The Institution Evaluation provides some class-based information, but many program directors felt it did not provide adequate information to more clearly evaluate an applicant's position in his/her dental school. The program directors requested more information delineated in the example below.

Example
Two applicants have applied to a program and both have a 3.8 GPA. The first applicant attends School F where the distribution of applicant GPAs is 3.6 – 4.0 but mostly above 3.82. The second applicant attends School M where the applicant distribution of GPAs is 3.2 – 4.0 but mostly above 3.3.

These applicants have the same GPA but might be reviewed differently if program directors know each applicant's status within the grade distribution at their respective schools.

Dental School Grade Distributions
ADEA is providing this document in WebAdMIT to share GPA distributions by dental school, if applicable. The goal is to assess the grading distributions at a dental school which can lead to a more detailed assessment of an individual's standing in that dental school. Schools are listed alphabetically by state.

Review of Grade Distribution Data
For each school where valid data is available, ADEA will aggregate dental school GPAs from the previous three cycles. For the 2019 cycle, this includes 2016-2018. Please note:
- As recommended by the ADEA PASS Advisory Group there is one grade distribution per school based on aggregated data across three prior application cycles. Reapplicants will only be counted once.
- There is background information for each school including the GPA averages and ranges and average class size for applicants included in the distribution.
- Applicants can be from many different graduating classes. The range of graduating years is included in the background information.
- The graph will use overall GPAs from all applicants; additional average GPAs for first and second year classes will be included. Many schools do not provide third and fourth year GPAs, so those years are not included.

Comparison to the Institution Evaluation (IE)
The IE includes the cumulative GPA, cumulative ranking, and cumulative GPA range, if available. This data is from the applicant's class; the grade distributions include data from multiple classes.
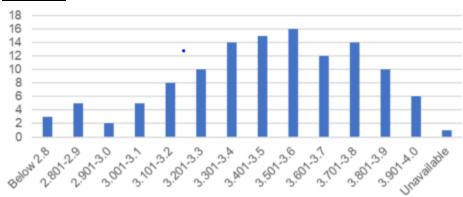
Disclaimer
The information provided is based on ADEA PASS applicant data reported on the Institution Evaluation. This data is manually entered at each dental school and is not official (i.e. from the transcript). The information only includes ADEA PASS applicants and is not representative of the whole dental school class(es).

Questions or Suggestions
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School A

Number of applicants in GPA range

Total ADEA PASS Applicants	139
Last Year Attended Range	2013-2018
2018 Applicants	23
2017 Applicants	46
2016 Applicants	31
Average First Year GPA	3.44
Average Second Year GPA	3.51
Average Overall GPA	3.47