



Haverford College — Rutgers University-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Academic Clinical Experience Summer (ACES) Program 2025

The ACES Program at [Rutgers University-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School \(RWJMS\)](#) is a six-week summer program for Tri-Co and Princeton sophomores seriously considering a career in medicine. RWJMS will provide academic enrichment and clinical experiences, faculty and clinician mentoring, and interaction with medical students.

Program Details

- 6-week summer program running June – July 2024 (tentatively June 19 – July 28), including:
 - An anatomy/physiology enrichment opportunity
 - Practice of medicine seminars
 - One-on-one clinical mentorship with an RWJMS physician
 - Medical school application guidance
 - Campus housing at Rutgers and a meal allowance
 - NJ residents receive a stipend to cover food and transportation
 - Conditional early assurance acceptance to Rutgers-RWJMS for those successfully completing program and successfully interviewing for admission.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Sophomore (Class of 2027) at Haverford College
- Realistic plan for completion of RWJMS prerequisite courses by graduation
- Minimum 3.2 BCPM (Science) GPA at time of application
- Minimum combined SAT verbal/math score of 1300 or ACT score of 29
 - Those who have not taken the SAT or ACT are eligible
 - If they progress for consideration for medical school, however, they must take the MCAT.
- US citizen or permanent resident status
- Participants may not take classes during the Program; full-time participation is expected.
- Participants may be asked to assist in peer mentoring and recruitment of future ACES Fellows.
- Considered socioeconomically and/or educationally disadvantaged as measured by either:
 - **Socioeconomic Disadvantage**
 - Family income on the most recent tax return is 400% or less than the 2023 US Department of Health and Human Services poverty level guidelines for your family size

or

- Your and your family receive need-based aid (e.g., Pell grants, Haverford grant aid)
or
 - Personal/family financial contributions to attend Haverford are less than 30% of attendance cost
- **Educational Disadvantage**
 - None of your parents/guardians has obtained a post-secondary degree (associates degree or higher)
or
 - Fewer than 50% of graduates from your high school attended a two- or four-year college

Selection Factors

- Participants should be intellectually curious, outgoing, and genuinely enthusiastic about the chance to expand their knowledge of science and medicine
- Participants should have some exposure to medicine and healthcare that drives their motivation to become physicians. This could include shadowing, volunteering, coursework, and/or personal experiences with illness.

Application Process Instructions

- All applicants must submit the following as a PDF to Todd Rothman, Director of Pre-Professional Advising:
 - Completed Haverford ACES Application
 - Short Essays (maximum 750 words each)
 - Unofficial transcripts from any college(s) attended
 - Updated Resume, including:
 - Intended major(s) and minor(s) at Haverford
 - Significant high school and college activities (e.g., leadership, community service, extracurricular and summer activities, research experience, clinical exposure)
- **Tuesday, January 21, 2025:** Please submit your completed application materials via email to [Todd Rothman](#)

Letter of Recommendation Instructions

- One letter of recommendation is required from a Haverford professor or research supervisor who knows you well and can speak to your academic abilities and readiness for a career in medicine
- You may submit one optional additional letter of recommendation, if you believe it will be helpful to your candidacy
- **Monday, February 3, 2025:** Letter(s) of recommendation must be submitted on your behalf to [Todd Rothman](#)

Next Steps

Please contact Todd Rothman, Director of Pre-Professional Advising, to learn more about the ACES Program and/or if you are considering submitting an application. Finalists will be asked to interview with an RWJMS faculty member prior to final decisions, which will be sent by early March 2025.