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SFU.CA/MEDICINE**MEMORANDUM**

ATTENTION	School of Medicine Associate Deans	DATE	April 29, 2026
FROM	Meredith Vanstone, interim Assistant Dean Admissions, School of Medicine	PAGES	1/5
RE:	Aggregate information release about School of Medicine 2026 interviewees		

Please find attached an information package regarding the first admissions cycle for the SFU School of Medicine, pertaining to applicants for August 2026 entry. This document was prepared in response to a recent request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). As we have elected to release the requested data publicly, we are required to respond within 60 days. Accordingly, the data presented here pertains to applicants who were invited to interview, rather than those ultimately admitted. This decision also protects the privacy of individuals in our final admitted class of 48.

In addition to the information requested under FIPPA, this information package contains supplementary data and guidance that we believe will be of interest to current and prospective applicants.

Out of respect for the role of the SFU Senate, we are providing this information in advance of its public release. Offers of admission are expected to be issued in mid-May, after which we intend to release the attached information package publicly. We will provide a further update to Senate after the incoming cohort is finalized in early August 2026.

2026 Interviewees for SFU School of Medicine
Aggregate information for public release

Interview selection

We received 1864 applications. 1697 were complete and met academic eligibility requirements.

There were 205 available interview spots.

We selected individuals to consider for interview through the Initial File Review Process, which identified 447 applicants as aligned.

Because we identified more aligned applicants than we had capacity to interview, we used an equal probability selection process to fill the interview spots with aligned applicants. All applicants invited to interview had applications that were verified to be acceptable in all aspects.

Information about interviewees

We are releasing aggregate information about our 205 interviewees, rather than our eventual class of 48 students to protect the privacy of individuals. This information is provided to characterize the group of applicants invited to interview; it should not be understood to represent decision-points in the selection process.

2026 MMI INTERVIEWEE PROFILE

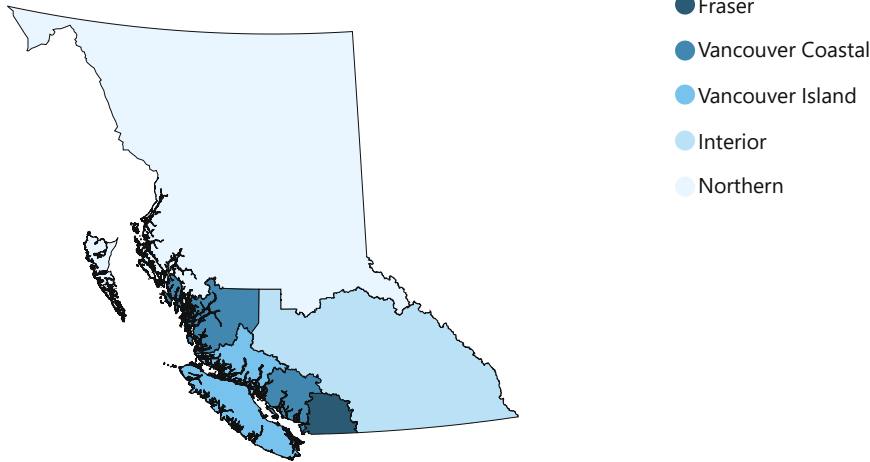
Interviewees
205

BC Residents
199

Multilingual
53%

Geographic Distribution by BC Health Authority

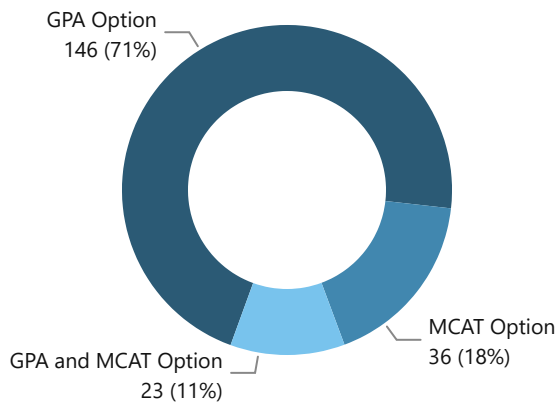
Darker areas indicate a higher concentration of interviewees



25 Additional Languages

American Sign Language	Portuguese
Arabic	Punjabi
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	Romanian
Cantonese	Russian
French	Shanghainese
Hindi	Sinhala
Ilocano	Spanish
Italian	Swahili
Japanese	Tagalog
Korean	Taiwanese
Mandarin	Urdu
Persian	Vietnamese
Polish	

Admission Option



Median aGPA *
4.06

Min aGPA
3.68

Max aGPA
4.33

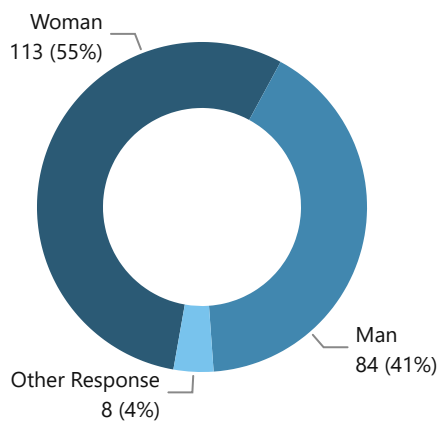
Median MCAT **
513

Min MCAT
505

Max MCAT
524

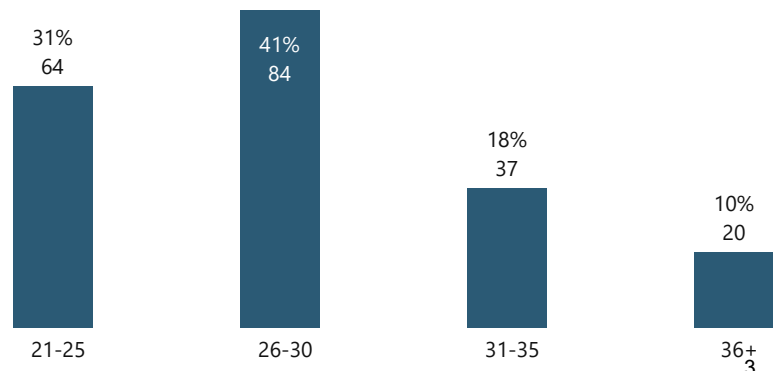
(*) Applicants who applied through either GPA options calculated an adjusted GPA.
(**) Applicants who applied through either MCAT options submitted an MCAT score.

Gender



Age Group

Median = 27 | Standard Deviation = 5.03



Common reasons that applications didn't move forward in 2026:

This is a list of common issues that prevented an application from moving forward in the process:

- External information was not received by the December 8, 2025 application deadline, including official transcripts received from the issuing university, MCAT scores released from the AAMC, five complete character references.
- Applicants submitted an adjusted GPA or MCAT score below the posted threshold for the selected academic eligibility option.
- Ineligible adjusted GPAs, for example, meeting the threshold only by using courses outside of the last 90 units to fill the “Remaining Courses” section of the Adjusted GPA.
- Pre-requisite courses were not eligible, most commonly because the course title and calendar copy did not describe the required content listed in Appendix B of the Applicant Manual. This was a particular issue for applicants who chose seminar or “independent study” courses without verifiable calendar information about the specific topic the year they took the course.
- Employment or community activities that the applicant described as including meaningful engagement with Indigenous groups were not affirmed as such by the verifiers.
- Employment or community activities that the applicant described as including meaningful engagement with Indigenous groups included a description of the activity that did not describe any meaningful engagement with Indigenous groups as defined by the questions in the application.
- Character references or verifiers expressed concern about the applicant’s suitability for interacting with medically or socially vulnerable patients.

Advice for Future Applicants

Among applicants, there are often rumours about what matters when applying to medical school. These are aspects of an application that neither advantaged nor disadvantaged you in this year's selection process:

No Advantage or Disadvantage
Research activity is not prioritized over other types of employment or community.
Educational discipline (major)
Qualifications or profession of references
Choice or location of undergraduate institution

Academic eligibility option selected (i.e. GPA only, MCAT only, GPA & MCAT)
GPA and MCAT scores beyond the threshold are not given additional advantage.
Age, gender, high school location, and other social identity characteristics volunteered by applicants are not considered.
Volunteer activities are not required or given preference over other mission-aligned experiences.
The title or position you held within a community does not necessarily accrue advantage; contributions can be shown in many roles.
Connections with or references from physicians or SFU faculty do not provide benefit to your application over other references from individuals who know you well.

Advice: We positively evaluate character references from people who know your capabilities well. We positively evaluate longitudinal connections to community or employment that you find meaningful. We positively evaluate connections to BC, even if your journey started elsewhere. We evaluate transcripts from all institutions to be equivalent, disregarding notions of institutional prestige or difficulty.