Memorandum of Understanding
between
University of South Alabama, College of Medicine
And
Dillard University
for
SouthMed Prep Scholars Program
and SouthMed Prep Early Decision Program

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made by and between the University of South Alabama, College of Medicine (USACOM) and Dillard University (Institution). USACOM and Dillard University (collectively referred to as “parties”) hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

Program Description
USACOM is seeking affiliations with colleges and universities to support recruitment and enrollment, enhance the number of underrepresented students seeking medical school admissions, and promote early admissions to USACOM through the SouthMed Prep Scholars and SouthMed Prep Early Decision Programs.

The administrations of both parties support this project.

Responsibilities of USACOM:
USACOM agrees that it will administer the Programs described below:

A. SouthMed Prep Scholars Program

The SouthMed Prep Scholars Program offers a select number of talented and academically competitive college freshmen and sophomores a position in the University of South Alabama College of Medicine first year class following completion of their (a) undergraduate degree, (b) all prerequisites, and (c) completion of program requirements for eligible students, as listed below:

1. High school grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5.
2. Minimum composite ACT score of 25 or SAT score of 1170-1200. (Critical Reading and Math)
3. Minimum overall college grade point average of 3.5 on 4.0 scale, with minimum GPA of 3.4 in the sciences (biology, chemistry and physics) and mathematics.
4. Completion of all prerequisite coursework at Institution which is required for matriculation into USACOM and remaining free from disciplinary issues and in good academic standing at Institution throughout the education process.
5. Completion of a successful interview and approval by the USACOM Admissions Committee.
6. Completion of two eight-week summer sessions that focus on basic science research during the first summer (Phase I) and MCAT preparation during the second summer session (Phase II) of the SMPS program. In addition, a shadowing experience with USA physicians is provided.

7. Participation in a review of all requirements every spring by the Program Director and Coordinator at USA to determine whether program requirements are being met.

8. Minimum Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) score of 499.

9. Must meet all other requirements for matriculation into medical school, including but not limited to acceptable background check and drug screen.

10. Participation in the SouthMed Prep Scholars Program does not obligate the student to attend the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and does not prevent the student from applying to other medical schools.

If all of the above requirements are met, students will be offered a position in the fall class of USACOM following their graduation from Institution. Applicants may apply to more than one medical school.

B. SouthMed Prep Early Decision Program

The SouthMed Prep Early Decision Program (EDP) is designed for competitive pre-medical students who have narrowed their selection down to the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. This allows such a student the security of having an early guaranteed position, saves application and travel fees associated with applying to multiple institutions, and provides the opportunity to begin financial planning as soon as possible.

Candidates should be competitive on a national level and will typically apply during their junior year of college. At a minimum, this program requires eligible students to meet the following requirements:

1. Must have a minimum composite MCAT score of 499 and GPA of 3.50 with minimum GPA of 3.4 in the sciences (biology, chemistry and physics) and mathematics. All candidates meeting these minimum requirements will be invited for interviews.

2. Minimum MCAT scores listed above must be available at the time of application.

3. Must indicate EDP intention on the AMCAS application, which is a binding contract of intent. Applicants agree to apply to only the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and if an offer is made by the USACOM, the applicant must accept it.
4. All AMCAS materials, including official transcripts, must be received by August 1, following the junior year of college. Students will be interviewed no later than mid-September. A decision by the USACOM Admissions Committee regarding the admission status will be rendered no later than October 1. The application deadline for general admission is November 15. Therefore, if the student is not accepted into the USACOM, sufficient time remains for that student to apply to other medical schools via the general admission process.

5. Research experience/shadowing/clinic observation hours in hospital or clinical setting is encouraged.

Scholarships are available to the most competitive students. Students who are accepted into the EDP will be reviewed for a scholarship based upon the following: (a) GPA and MCAT score; (b) research experience; (c) shadowing/clinic/observation hours; (d) community and leadership involvement; and (e) humanistic qualities.

C. Both Programs:

1. Preference is given to applicants who qualify for in-state tuition at USACOM, which includes individuals from the state of Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and the Mississippi Gulf Coast counties. However, individuals who are non-residents but meet or exceed the requirements stated above may be considered as well.

2. The USACOM Program Coordinator will assist students with the procedures described in this MOU and USACOM will provide Institution with that person's contact information.

Responsibilities of Institution:

Institution agrees that it will do the following:

1. Beginning with the first academic year following execution of this MOU, Institution will include information about the Programs in literature provided to Institution's students and prospective students about academic opportunities.

2. Institution will use reasonable efforts to promote the Programs to all of Institution's students, and to make special efforts to inform Institution's students who have indicated an interest in medicine as a career.

3. Institution will provide reasonable assistance to its students who wish to apply for Program(s).

4. Institution will designate a representative who is responsible for assisting students with the procedures described in this MOU and will provide USACOM with that person's contact information.
Terms of Memorandum of Understanding

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall commence on the date it is approved by both the Institution and USACOM and shall remain in effect for the duration of five years.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended or amended only by written agreement between both parties.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party upon six-months written notification thereof to the other party.
4. If any conflict arises, the sole remedy shall be termination of the Memorandum of Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Memorandum of Understanding serves to document an understanding between the Institution and USACOM. The parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the day and year of the last date of signature below:

Institution

By: Yolanda W. Page, Ph.D.

Its: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: August 21, 2019

By: Ralph W. Johnson

Its: Vice President for Business and Finance/CFO

Date: ____________

University of South Alabama

By: _________________

Its: _________________

Date: ________________

By: Brendan Greene

Its: Legal Counsel

Date: _______________