

Case study #3: International student

Academics

- School: University of Ottawa
- GPA: 3.80-4.00
- Program: Life Sciences
- MCAT: 10(V), 12(P), 14(B), R(W)

Extracurriculars

- Research experience with one publication
- Hospital volunteering and clinical shadowing
- Leadership experience within the university
- Intramural sports and arts

Goals

 Medical school admission as an international student; previously applied to Canadian schools with no success.

Diagnosis

Good application profile but lacks knowledge regarding the application process for an international candidate. This posed a serious challenge since not every Canadian medical school accepts international students.

Plan

• Target specific Canadian schools that accept international students and maximize chances by applying to select US schools.

Approach

- This student approached us in her final year having previously applied in her third year. Given the unique situation of this student, we paired her with an international student consultant who had experience with various medical schools in North America that catered to foreign students. This allowed the student to customize her application to target specific schools and maximize her chances. Further modifications to her final vear courses were also made to accommodate specific course requirements for US schools. Customized application preparation was provided for each medical school application.
- She received 6 interviews at top tiered US schools and also received interviews at 2 Canadian schools (UofT and McGill). She was accepted to both Canadian Schools and received a 50% tuition scholarship at McGill University. She was also accepted to 3/6 schools in the US.

Result

- Attended McGill University medical school and is currently completing her MDCM.
- Continues to be mentored by MD Consultants during medical school