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The chart that follows outlines WICHE's PSEP selection process in detail. For further clarification, contact WICHE's student exchange director at 303.541.0214. For more general information about WICHE's PSEP, visit www.wiche.edu/psep/.

WICHE's PSEP Funding and Selection Process

For All PSEP Fields

- Applicant (most fields) applies to home state office for certification (residency verification) prior to
 October 15th. Veterinary (DVM) applicants are strongly encouraged to certifying before September 15th;
 Montana DVM applicants must certify by September 1st.
- Applicant applies to all WICHE schools where he/she would like to enroll.
- WICHE sends lists of certified PSEP applicants to all cooperating schools beginning in November.

For Veterinary Medicine

Once the admissions committees from the cooperating colleges of veterinary medicine have independently convened and evaluated all WICHE certified applicants, schools rank applicants from each state using their regular admissions criteria. This typically happens in December.

- WICHE's central office then compiles the scores to create a cumulative, weighted ranking for each state, with the #1 student being the "most qualified" of all certified students from that state. This occurs in early January.
- Prior to offers being made, WICHE releases an alphabetical list of certified applicants who will receive a conditional WICHE offer if accepted to a WICHE program and if sufficient state budget funds are approved and available. For example, if Montana expects to support five students, five names from Montana (in alphabetical order) are released to the state and to the schools. WICHE also releases a limited number of "alternate" names; these are certified applicants who are not WICHE funded, but they are the next in line to receive conditional support, if it becomes available. If at a later time alternates are needed to fill vacant WICHE spots, name(s) are released in rank order, as needed.
- Veterinary schools then begin making conditional WICHE offers to as many applicants as they choose (among those anticipated to receive support). The first round of conditionally funded WICHE applicants must respond to all offers by April 15th (the national VMCAS deadline).
- After conditional WICHE offers have been made, schools may make "at large" (non-sponsored) offers to applicants who are NOT anticipated to receive WICHE funding. Non-sponsored students pay nonresident or full private tuition.
- After April 15th, state vacancies created by applicants who
 decline all of their conditional WICHE offers or elect to attend a
 school out-of-region will be filled. WICHE's central office will
 release the "next ranked" applicant for that state. Applicants
 have two weeks to respond to the offer(s).
- If an applicant accepts a non-sponsored offer at a WICHE school and then later is awarded conditional WICHE support to fill a vacancy, the applicant has the prerogative to consider all new conditional WICHE offers from any of the cooperating schools.

NOTE: Though most WICHE-funded applicants receive one or more offers, offers are not guaranteed. A school's entering class may already be filled, or the school may deem that an applicant is not qualified for admission.

For All Other Healthcare Fields

- Applicants must notify their state office of all WICHE offers; WICHE schools must also notify WICHE's central office of offers.
- WICHE monitors the number of applicants with offers in each state in conjunction with the state certifying offices.
- When legislative support is secured and there is a sufficient number of applicants with offers, WICHE determines who will receive funding.
- If no rankings are necessary, applicants with admissions offers are supported.
- If state resources do not allow the state to fund all applicants with offers, WICHE conducts rankings. This usually occurs from March through June.
- Top-qualified applicants (as determined by the institutional rankings) are offered WICHE funding first. If an applicant declines WICHE support, then the next best qualified applicant is offered support, until the vacancies are filled.

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- Schools cannot extend early conditional WICHE offers in November or December to applicants who meet special GPA and GRE criteria.
- No "targets" or "quotas" of WICHEfunded offers per school exist. Students are free to accept the school of their choice, subject to school interest.
- Students are not permitted to defer enrollment should they decide to delay admission.

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