



### MCAT REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SPRING 2010

Registration to take the MCAT in Spring 2010 opened on Monday Nov. 2, 2009. The test will be given multiple times beginning in January and ending in September and at many different testing sites. The regular registration fee is \$225. Sign up now to reserve your seat for one of the dates if you plan on taking a Spring 2010 test. Go to <http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/start.htm> to get started!

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### PROVOST'S UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE NOV. 20

The Provost's Undergraduate Research Scholarship (PURS) at the University of Houston is a great way for Juniors and Seniors interested in research to participate in a faculty member's project and receive a scholarship for the semester. The students selected for

the scholarship will receive a \$1,000 stipend for one semester of research under a UH faculty mentor. It is open to upperclassmen of all majors with a 3.0 GPA or higher. Students who have already participated are not eligible to reapply. Those who do receive the scholarship are expected to commit 7 hours/ week during the semester to work on the research. The deadline for the Spring 2010 semester is Nov. 20, 2009. The application and process information can be found at <http://www.uh.edu/honors/undergraduate-research/uhr-research/purs/index.php>.



Upcoming Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	
January 29, 2010	January 15	January 22	
January 30, 2010	January 16	January 23	
March 27, 2010	March 13	March 20	
April 10, 2010	March 27	April 3	
April 17, 2010	April 3	April 10	
April 23, 2010	April 9	April 16	
May 1, 2010	April 17	April 24	
May 21, 2010	May 7	May 14	
May 22, 2010	May 8	May 15	
May 27, 2010	May 13	May 20	

### IN THE NEWS:

#### SHORTAGE OF MED STUDENTS CHOOSING PRIMARY CARE

Experts are noticing shortages of primary physicians in many parts of the country as few medical students are choosing to work in primary care. Primary care physicians make up about 35% of the physician workforce, but only about 20% of graduating medical students go into those fields, according to the Council on Graduate Medical Education. One major reason for this is the amount of loans the medical students are expected to pay back after medical school, averaging about \$137,000. A primary physician job can pay about half as much as some specialty jobs, making it a less appealing job for some students. However, there are many programs now that can forgive the loans of students who choose to go into primary care. Experts say that, for now, these loan forgiveness programs are too restrictive to allow for any significant increase in numbers. Health care reform that increases loan forgiveness of these primary care physicians would be a "big deal for medical schools and doctor's offices".



<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/168962.php>