

## **Preliminary School List: Dentistry**

1. **Geography:** Where in the US have you spend significant time in the past (growing up, vacations, internships, etc.)? In what areas do you have personal ties? Are there other location factors that you're considering in your application (urban/rural, access to certain patient populations, cultural diversity, other opportunities)?
  
2. **Mission:** Which mission statement is most appealing to you and why?
  - a. *The School of Dentistry is committed to excellence in education, scholarship and the provision of high-quality oral healthcare. Consistent with X University traditions and values, the school recruits and educates a diverse student body, fosters personal and professional excellence and promotes leadership expressed in service to others.*
  
  - b. *To educate oral health professionals and scholars who excel in a complex, multicultural and technologically changing world; To discover and translate new knowledge at the boundaries of science, transforming oral health care practice, social systems and related technologies for the benefit of individuals, families and communities; To provide oral and health education and clinical services of the highest quality with an emphasis on enhancing health equity and social justice for individuals and communities; To prepare health professionals in addressing the challenges of access to care affecting underserved populations; To collaborate with our urban and rural community partners in mutually beneficial way; and To advocate for public policies, perceptions and practices that lead to inclusion of oral health as an integral part of the interprofessional emphasis on the health of the communities we serve.*
  
  - c. *The mission of X College of Dentistry is to partner with students in achieving academic excellence, providing the best oral health care, and engaging in research, scholarship, and creative endeavors to improve the health of the highly diverse populations in X and around the world.*

3. **Academic Focus:** If you were to pursue a specialty with dental school, which of these would be of the greatest interest (choose up to 3)? This is not an exhaustive list.
  - a. General Dentistry
  - b. Public Health
  - c. Orthodontics
  - d. Pediatrics
  - e. Oral and maxillofacial surgeon
  - f. Periodontists
  
4. Are there student organizations/activities that you seek in dental school (religious, cultural, music/arts, service, athletic, social)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Are there factors guiding your school selection (location, mission, cost, experience, etc.)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. List 5 schools that you plan to apply to