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## A first-choice medical school

To some, the FSU College of Medicine might have seemed an odd fit when *U.S. News and World Report* published a list of the U.S. medical schools where gaining admission was the most difficult. After all, this medical school wasn't created to be exclusive.

On the contrary, the FSU College of Medicine goes to great lengths to include applicants from medically underserved backgrounds who traditionally have not had a smooth path into medical school.

In fact, the College of Medicine's pipeline programs likely played a role in FSU's being ranked No. 2 on the list.

"Long before they apply to medical school, many of our applicants from rural and other underserved backgrounds have been involved with our effort to expand the pool of qualified applicants," said College of Medicine Dean John P. Fogarty. "By the time we go through our admissions cycle we have numerous outstanding applicants who identify strongly

with our mission and have made up their mind that this medical school is the right fit for them."

The College of Medicine extended 151 offers to fill out its class of 120 students admitted in May of 2015. That's from among more than 6,200 applicants. By comparison, the college was extending more than 200 offers when it first reached full enrollment several years ago.

"We clearly have become a medical school of choice not only because our students consistently match with outstanding residency programs, but because word has gotten out about the tremendous experiences our students have during their four years of medical education," Fogarty said.

"While we may be extremely competitive in the selection process, our priority continues to be finding students who believe in our mission and will help us continue to produce the doctors Florida needs most."

### The 10 most competitive U.S. medical schools for admissions (Class of 2019)

- 1) Mayo Medical School
- 2) **Florida State University College of Medicine**
- 3) Stanford University
- 4) George Washington University
- 5) Brown University
- 6) Georgetown University
- 7) University of California – Davis
- 8) Wake Forest University
- 9) University of California – Los Angeles
- 10) University of California – San Diego