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**AMWA consists of four divisions:**
*Premedical, Medical Student, Resident, and Physician,* that are here to guide you throughout your journey through medicine.

**How do I join?**

**National**
Become a national AMWA member by registering [here](#)!
- The cost of registration for premedical students is **$20 per year** or a **one-time fee of $55**
- We also offer **fee waivers** for students through an application on our website. Please click [here](#) for more information!
- Registration as a national member allows you to become involved in AMWA’s many initiatives, as well as putting your accomplishments and involvement onto a resume.

**Regional**
Join an AMWA branch at your school to get involved on a local scale. If there is no branch at your school, you are welcome to start one!

You can **start a branch** by:
- Visit the Premedical “Start a New Branch” page for detailed information.
- Reaching out to the corresponding Region Director and the VP of Recruitment for assistance through this process — view the Premedical Leadership page on the AMWA website for contact information.
- Email your Region Director, the VP of Recruitment, the President, and the President-Elect once your leadership, membership list, by laws, and constitution have been finalized.

**What is AMWA?**

Our mission stands to advance women in medicine, advocate for equity, and ensure excellence in health care.
Premedical Division Blog

If you are particularly passionate about a certain topic and want the opportunity to share with premedical students from across the nation, consider writing a piece for our Premedical Blog!

Please contact the Premedical External Relations Chair (externalrelations@amwa-premed.org) if you are interested in writing a piece for the Premedical Blog.

Advocacy Initiatives

Premedical Advocacy Initiatives

The Premedical Division launches and executes advocacy initiatives relevant to current issues, such as:

- **#AMWA Learns From COVID**, where we recognized the effects COVID has had on women.
- **#AMWA Stands With You**, where we recognized the prevalence of mental health issues and the “silent epidemics” amid COVID-19 and social justice movements in the United States.

Visit [here](#) for more details!

We encourage our members to reach out to our leadership with any project ideas using this [form](#).

Premedical Division Committees and Task Forces

*Internal Premedical Committees*

- **Global Health Committee**: engage in student-led Global Health Projects.
  - Contact globalhealth@amwa-premed.org
- **Conference Committee**: help plan the Annual National AMWA Conference.
  - Contact conference@amwa-premed.org
- **Program Committee**: Work with other AMWA members to develop programs and projects related to the growth of the Premedical Division.
  - Contact program@amwa-premed.org
- **Advocacy Committee**: help the Premedical Division with their advocacy efforts.
  - Contact advocacy@amwa-premed.org

**National Committees and Task Forces**

- To learn how to join the E-list visit [here](#).
- List of Committees to Join:
  - Advocacy
  - American Women’s Hospitals Service
  - Anti-Racism
  - Caregiving
  - COVID Resources
  - Dance, Theater, and Medicine
  - Diversity and Inclusion
  - Domestic Violence Prevention
  - Film & Medicine
  - Gender Equity Task Force
  - Global Health
  - Graduate Medical Education
  - Gun Violence Prevention
  - HPV & Cervical Cancer Task Force,
  - International Medical Graduates
  - LGBTQ
  - Membership, Music & Medicine
  - Obesity Prevention
  - Opioid Epidemic
  - Physician (In)Fertility
  - Physician Re-Entry
  - Physician Wellness
  - Mental Health
  - Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATH)
  - Preventive Medicine
  - Sex and Gender Health Collaborative
  - Studio AMWA
Within committees/task forces
- Premedical National Board applications open in late December/early January. Keep an eye out!
- If you are interested in a particular position, reach out to our current leaders on board
  - Click here for contact information!
- Visit Election Information Page

**AMWA Mentorship Program**
- The Premedical Division and the Medical Student Division work together to create a mentorship program between the two divisions.
- Our Mentorship Program applications run from early September to early October.
- Check out our social media and newsletter for more information on how to sign up!
- This is the current program in place for mentorship between the premedical and medical division before AMWA transitions to the new website platform.
- Contact: mentorship@amwa-premed.org

**Panels, Discussions & Workshops**
- Diversity Panel
- "All About DO" Panel
- Racism in Medicine Discussions
- What Physicians Need to Know About COVID-19 Vaccination
- Mentorship: A Journey & Beyond
- To Treat or Not to Treat? How Older Age, and Sex and Gender Differences in Heart Disease and Cardiovascular Risk Impact Statin Therapy
- Resume Workshop and more!

**Professional Development**

**Virtual Shadowing**
Check out our social media and newsletter regarding when our Virtual Shadowing takes place!

We’re working on an “attendance form” so that our members will be able to receive a certificate after attending several of our Virtual Shadowing events.

- Cardiology, Dr. Suzanne Feigofsky
- Anesthesiology, Dr. Amanda Xi
- Ophthalmology, Dr. Rupa Wong

**National Conference (March/April)**
The annual AMWA conference where all four divisions attend and celebrate another year of AMWA.

This is a time for all AMWA members to regroup, attend AMWA hosted sessions, present their research and success throughout the year, and network with each other.

Our annual conferences are held at a location in the United States but due to COVID-19 restrictions for the past couple of years, the annual AMWA conference has been set virtually.

Visit here for more information!

**Premedical Leadership Opportunities**
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**Internship Program**
- Visit here to apply!
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Benefits**
- Partnerships
  - Medical School Admissions consulting
  - MCAT prep discounts + free resources
- Partners include MedSchoolCoach, Kaplan Test Prep, The Princeton Review, BeMo Academic Consulting, PrepMatch, Blueprint, AltisPrep, QuokkaBrew, + more!
  - Check out this site for more information!

**Awards**
- The Premedical Division has over 15 awards granted to phenomenal premedical members each year.
- These awards include MCAT scholarships, AMWA Student of the Year, and more!
- Visit here to explore all of the awards and scholarships.