



Joint Admission Medical Program

JAMP Faculty Directors & Medical School Coordinators

TAAHP: TJFF University of Houston

Date: February 26, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CT

Format: Hybrid Working Session

Zoom [Link](#) | Meeting ID 864 7572 5045 | Password 519913

Audience: JFDs, MSCs, Council Leadership, JAMP Administration, TMDSAS, & TXHES

Meeting Purpose | Align JFDs, MSCs, Council leadership, and JAMP Administration on planning, advising expectations, scholar readiness, and shared commitments for the EY27 cohort, informed by EY26 outcomes and legislative context.

AGENDA

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast Buffet & Networking

9:00 – 9:05 a.m. | Welcome & Match Celebration Video

9:05 – 9:10 | Legislative Context & Program Momentum

Speaker: Dr. Matthew Meeks

Goal: Anchor planning in legislative reality and program scale.

- What priorities must JAMP and its partners remain attentive to in the current legislative landscape?

9:10 – 9:15 | Incoming Chair Address

Speaker: Dr. Jesus Vallejo

Goal: Set leadership tone and expectations for the coming year.

- How should JFDs and MSCs engage differently—or more intentionally—in the year ahead?

9:15 – 9:20 | Statewide Call to Action

Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Perry

Goal: Reinforce shared responsibility for scholar professionalism and program stewardship.

- How do we collectively reinforce professionalism and expectations for scholars?
- What role do JFDs and MSCs play in promoting JAMP statewide?



9:20 – 9:50 a.m. | EY27 JAMP Recruitment & Outreach: Effective Institutional Strategies

Speakers: JFDs (Top Recruiting Institutions)

Goal: Elevate proven recruitment strategies and mobilize statewide adoption ahead of the EY27 application cycle.

- What recruitment strategies have resulted in consistently high JAMP application volume at your institution?
- How are you identifying, engaging, and advising students earlier in the pipeline?
- What outreach practices could be scaled or adapted across institutions to strengthen EY27 recruitment?
- Where should JAMP and institutions adjust approach to reach more eligible students statewide?
- What challenges may arise, and what strategies can be employed to effectively address them?

9:50 – 10:20 | Planning Foundations, Strategic Initiatives & Resource Stewardship

Speaker: Dr. Nina Gonzalez

Goal: Align expectations, resources, and institutional commitments for EY27 success.

- What commitments are needed from institutions to meet EY27 goals?
- How can JAMP resources best support scholar success?
- What engagement is needed for Scholar Monthly Meetings to succeed?
- How can Special Projects strengthen recruitment and outreach?

10:20 – 10:40 a.m. | Canvas - Learning Infrastructure Enablement

Presenter: Instructure Holdings, Inc.

Goal: Increase awareness and confidence in tools supporting scholar engagement.

- How can Canvas and Canvas Studio support consistency across institutions?
- Where can these tools reduce administrative burden and improve communication?

10:40 – 11:00 a.m. | MCAT Preparation Services

Presenter: Jack Westin

Goal: Align advising with MCAT preparation timelines and expectations.

- What should scholars be doing—and when—to be MCAT-ready?
- How can JFDs and MSCs reinforce engagement and accountability via the dashboard?
- What trends, recurring issues, or lessons learned do we have from EY24?



11:00 – 11:25 | Scholar Voices Panel

Speakers: Recently Matched EY24 Scholars (3 Scholars from UH, 2 from Rice, 1 from UST)

Goal: Celebrate the achievements of JAMP Scholars and gather insights from their perspective.

Format: Panel facilitated by Associate Director; Followed by open Q&A from JFDs & MSCs

Guiding prompts for scholars:

- What support or resources provided by JAMP or JAMP stakeholders made a significant impact on your journey to medical school, and what preparation helped the most?
- What should health professions advisors and JAMP Faculty Directors know about your needs as JAMP Scholars?
- What are some ways that your JAMP Faculty Director supported your journey?
- What, if anything, felt unclear during your undergraduate journey in JAMP?

11:25 – 11:40 a.m. | Summer Readiness & Scholar Preparation

Speaker: MS Coordinators Lorena Marin (TCOM) and Talrah Christie (SHSU-COM)

Goal: Ensure scholars arrive prepared and expectations are consistent statewide.

- What key requirements, timelines, and pre-arrival expectations should scholars prioritize as they prepare for their summer internships?
- Where can Scholars find these key requirements and expectations?
- Where can stronger coordination between Medical School Coordinators and JAMP Faculty Directors improve scholar readiness and reduce last-minute issues?

Table discussion:

- Which requirements or processes do scholars most frequently need clarification on?
- Where do you see recurring confusion, inconsistencies, or opportunities to improve clarity and communication?

11:40 – 12:05 p.m. | Buffet Lunch & JFD Best Practices

Speakers: Dr. Marilyn Banta, Dr. Rachell Booth, Dr. Shirley Anderson

Goal: Foster a fruitful discussion on best practices for JFDs across the state.

12:05 – 12:35 p.m. | Institutional Roundtable: Collaboration & Alignment

Speaker: Chris Truong, Associate Director of Student Success for TXHES (JAMP)

Goal: Create space for cross-institution sharing and statewide alignment.

- What practices or advising strategies are helping scholars stay on track for timely MCAT testing, and how can we scale those practices statewide?
- What is working well at your institution that others could adopt?
- Where do scholars still struggle most?
- What statewide alignment is most needed before Summer 2026?



12:35 – 12:45 p.m. | Decisions & Commitments Confirmed

Speaker: Dr. Nina Gonzalez

Goal: Confirm alignment and accountability.

- After attending today's JFD/MSC TAAHP meeting, what are your commitments moving into EY27 as a JAMP-participating institution?
- In your opinion, what are the most important action items that must occur next after today's meeting and by whom?
- How can we improve our JFD Regional meetings to increase statewide impact?
- What is the most valuable thing you learned or heard today?

2026 JFD Meetings

Aug 10 – Long SOM (San Antonio) | Aug 11 – TTUHSC (Lubbock) | Aug 12 – TCOM (DFW) |
Aug 13 – McGovern (Houston) | Aug 14 – UTS Austin (Hybrid) |

12:45 – 12:55 p.m. | JAMP Council Faculty Consultant Recognition & Transition

Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Perry

Goal: Honor service and confirm leadership continuity.

- Formal recognition and appreciation of Dr. Marilyn Banta for her service and leadership as JAMP Faculty Director Consultant upon completion of her term.
- Announcement and welcome of the **incoming JAMP Faculty Director Consultant (public institution)**, selected by peer vote to serve a **two-year term**, and acknowledgment of the leadership transition.

12:55 – 1:00 | Final Remarks & Adjourn