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Dear Applicant:

Welcome to the 2011 application cycle for the International Dental Studies (IDS) program at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. You are applying to the IDS 2013 class that starts on Friday, July 8, 2011. This 2011 IDS Application Guide includes the following:

- 2011 Application Checklist
- Dentistry in the United States

We are excited to inform you of our first year of participation with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID), a new application service that allows international dental graduates to submit a single application and set of credentials that will be distributed by ADEA to all participating programs designated by the applicant. The 2011 ADEA CAAPID application cycle starts on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

Starting Monday, May 3, 2010, the IDS Office will begin accepting CAAPID applications and receiving supplemental documents. We encourage you to read the 2011 Application Checklist for the admission requirements and apply early.

For your application to be considered for review by the IDS Admission Committee, your application and required documentation must be received by the IDS Office on or before the deadline date and time, Friday, August 13, 2010 at 1:00PM (Pacific Time). If you are sending your application from outside the United States, you will need to send it earlier to allow time for international mail delivery. If any documents are missing or received after the deadline date and time, the application will be regarded as incomplete and will not be considered for review.

It is recommended that you send all supplemental documentation at one time. Should you decide to send the supplemental documentation individually, it is still your responsibility to have the requested agencies (ADA, ECE, ETS) send original official documents directly to the IDS Office by deadline date and time; or we must receive your actual notarized documents by deadline date and time.

To ensure that you meet the deadline date and time, we highly encourage you not to wait until the last two weeks to submit your application. After August 1, 2010, we receive increasingly large numbers of applications; therefore processing time is much longer.

The IDS Office will be sending emails during the application process. We advise you to add ids@pacific.edu and wchang@pacific.edu to your email account address book, so that your emails will be sent directly to the inbox.

Starting late September, invitation letters will be sent to selected applicants via email and postal mail regarding the interview and technical examination scheduled for late October.

If you have any questions, please contact Warren Chang, IDS Program Coordinator, at 415-929-6428.

We wish you the best in your application process.

Thank you for your interest in the IDS program at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry.

2011 APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All applicants (first-time or reapplying) for the International Dental Studies (IDS) program must complete the following two steps on or before deadline date and time – Friday, August 13, 2010 at 1:00PM (Pacific Time). If any documents are missing or received after deadline date and time, the application will be regarded as incomplete and will not be considered for review.

STEP 1: Send the following documents directly to ADEA CAAPID

1. ADEA CAAPID Application

Submit an online-application through ADEA CAAPID by completing ALL sections – Application Information, Test Scores, Academic History and Letters of Evaluation.

2. Letters of Evaluation

Submit two or a maximum of three letters of evaluation (in English), dated between June 2009 and present, written by international or U.S. dental professionals (dentists, dental school faculty, etc.) with whom you have worked recently.

STEP 2: Send the following supplemental documents directly to PACIFIC IDS Office

1. Application Fee

Remit a non-refundable application fee of \$75 (USD) in the form of a personal check, cashiers check or money order, payable to: University of the Pacific.

2. Dental Goals

Provide your future dental plans after earning your U.S. dental degree on a single-sided, typewritten page with a 1" margin on all four sides and 12 pitch font.

3. National Board Dental Examination – Part 1 (NBDE-1)

Submit actual notarized¹ or original official² NBDE-1 score of 75 or higher. A score lower than 75 will not be considered.

4. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Submit actual notarized¹ or original official² TOEFL score earned between January 2008 and present. A internet-based test (iBT) score of 92 or higher; or paper-based test (PBT) score of 580 or higher is required. A iBT score lower than 92 or a PBT score lower than 580 will not be considered.

4892 is the TOEFL institution code for the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. Please include this code on your examination entrance ticket if you request the TOEFL score to be sent directly to the school. (There is no department code for the dental school).

5. Dental Degree

Submit actual notarized¹ document of the BDS, DDS, DMD, Odontology, Stomatology or comparable degree. Any degree in a language other than English must be accompanied by an original notarized translation from a bona fide U.S. translator.

This program does not accept provisional dental degrees.

(Do not submit the original official degree document since the dental school is not responsible for any loss or damage.)

6. Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) – Course-by-Course Evaluation

Submit actual notarized¹ or original official² ECE course-by-course evaluation with a U.S. GPA of 2.00 or higher. An application with a GPA lower than 2.00 will not be considered or reviewed by the IDS Admission Committee.

(Do not submit any transcripts, statement of marks or course curriculum.)

NOTE

¹ Actual Notarized Document

- a photocopy of the official document bearing the actual notary stamp or with the attached, stamped notary form

Photocopies without the actual notary stamp or attached, stamped notary form will not be accepted as official documentation.

² Original Official Document

- a document sent directly from the source (dental school, ADA, ECE, ETS) to the Pacific School of Dentistry – OR –
- a document provided to you by the source in a sealed envelope

Dentistry in the United States

Note: This is a modified edition of the original that is available on the ADA website - http://www.ada.org/public/careers/team/dentistry_fact.pdf

What's Unique about Dentistry?

- One of the ten most trusted and ethical professions in the United States
- Flexibility to balance a professional and personal life
- Opportunity to be your own boss and own a dental practice
- Personally rewarding profession
- Combines art and science

What Does a Dentist Do?

- Diagnose and treat diseases, injuries and malformations of the teeth and mouth
- Improve a patient's appearance
- Perform surgical procedures such as implants, tissue grafts and extractions
- Educate patients on how to better care for their teeth and prevent oral disease
- Teach future dentists and dental hygienists
- Perform research directed to improving oral health and developing new treatment methods

What Career Options are Available in Dentistry?

- Over 80% are general practitioners while about 20% are dental specialists who limit their practices to one of the nine recognized dental specialty areas
- Teaching, dental research and dental industry comprise additional rewarding career options for both general practitioners and dental specialists
- Dentists also work in public health agencies, hospitals, the military and other settings

What are the Future Opportunities for Dentistry?

- Outlook is favorable for new dentists and exceptional career opportunities exist for minority students
- Large numbers of dentists are projected to retire in the next 20 years and new dentists will be needed in private practice, as teachers/researchers and in public health dentistry
- Increasing numbers of older adults are keeping their teeth longer, greater awareness of oral health care, and a high demand for cosmetic services
- Advancements in dental technology such as digital radiography, laser systems and informatics will allow dentists to provide more effective treatments and practice more efficiently
- New information about the relationship of oral health to general health makes dentistry an important health profession for the future

How Much Does a Dentist Earn?

- In 2005, the average earnings for a general practitioner who owns his/her practice was over \$198,000; the average earnings for a dental specialist was over \$304,000
- Average income of a dentist — highest 5% of U.S. family income

For Additional Information about Careers in Dentistry

American Dental Association (ADA)	312.440.2390	www.ada.org
American Dental Education Association (ADEA)	202.289.7201	www.adea.org
American Student Dental Association (ASDA)	312.440.2795	www.asdanet.org



Statistics used in this fact sheet were collected from the *ADA 2006 Survey of Dental Practice, Income from the Private Practice of Dentistry*, the *ADA Trends in Dentistry and Dental Education*, the American Dental Education Association and *Occupational Employment Statistics Survey*, U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Gallup Poll.