

An aerial photograph of San Francisco at dusk. The city's dense urban landscape is visible, with numerous skyscrapers and buildings illuminated by their internal lights. The Golden Gate Bridge is visible in the distance, spanning the bay. The sky is a deep blue with a hint of orange from the setting sun.

International Dental Studies (IDS)

2026-27 Cycle Application Guide

Advance Your Dental Career at the Dugoni School in Just Two Years

UNIVERSITY OF THE
PACIFIC
Arthur A. Dugoni
School of Dentistry

Welcome!

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the International Dental Studies (IDS) program at University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. We are pleased to invite applications for the 2026 IDS Admissions cycle for the class beginning in early July 2027 and graduating in June 2029.

The IDS program is designed for internationally trained dentists who seek to gain skills in and knowledge of the dental profession as practiced in the United States. Graduates of this program receive a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and are eligible to sit for any state or regional dental board in the country. Our intensive, clinically focused curriculum prepares graduates for success in modern dental practice.

About the Dugoni School

The University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry provides an innovative, clinically focused dental education that prepares students for success in modern dental practice.

The Dugoni School of Dentistry operates across two campuses, offering IDS students comprehensive academic and clinical experience. The **San Francisco Campus**, located at **155 Fifth Street** in downtown San Francisco, serves as the primary academic hub and features state-of-the-art classrooms, simulation laboratories, research facilities, and technologically-enhanced learning spaces. Instruction is based on our innovative Pacific Dental Helix Curriculum, which emphasizes active, collaborative learning in small groups.

IDS students also gain hands-on clinical experience at University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry's Pacific Healthcare Collaborative on the **Sacramento Campus**, located at **3333 3rd Avenue**, Sacramento, California.

Clinical training is delivered across both campuses, in private practice-style clinic environments featuring 27 chairs in San Francisco and 30 chairs in Sacramento. Students gain valuable experience and essential practice management skills as they provide patient-centered care and absorb the school's emphasis on clinical excellence.

San Francisco
Campus



Sacramento
Campus



2026 Application Cycle

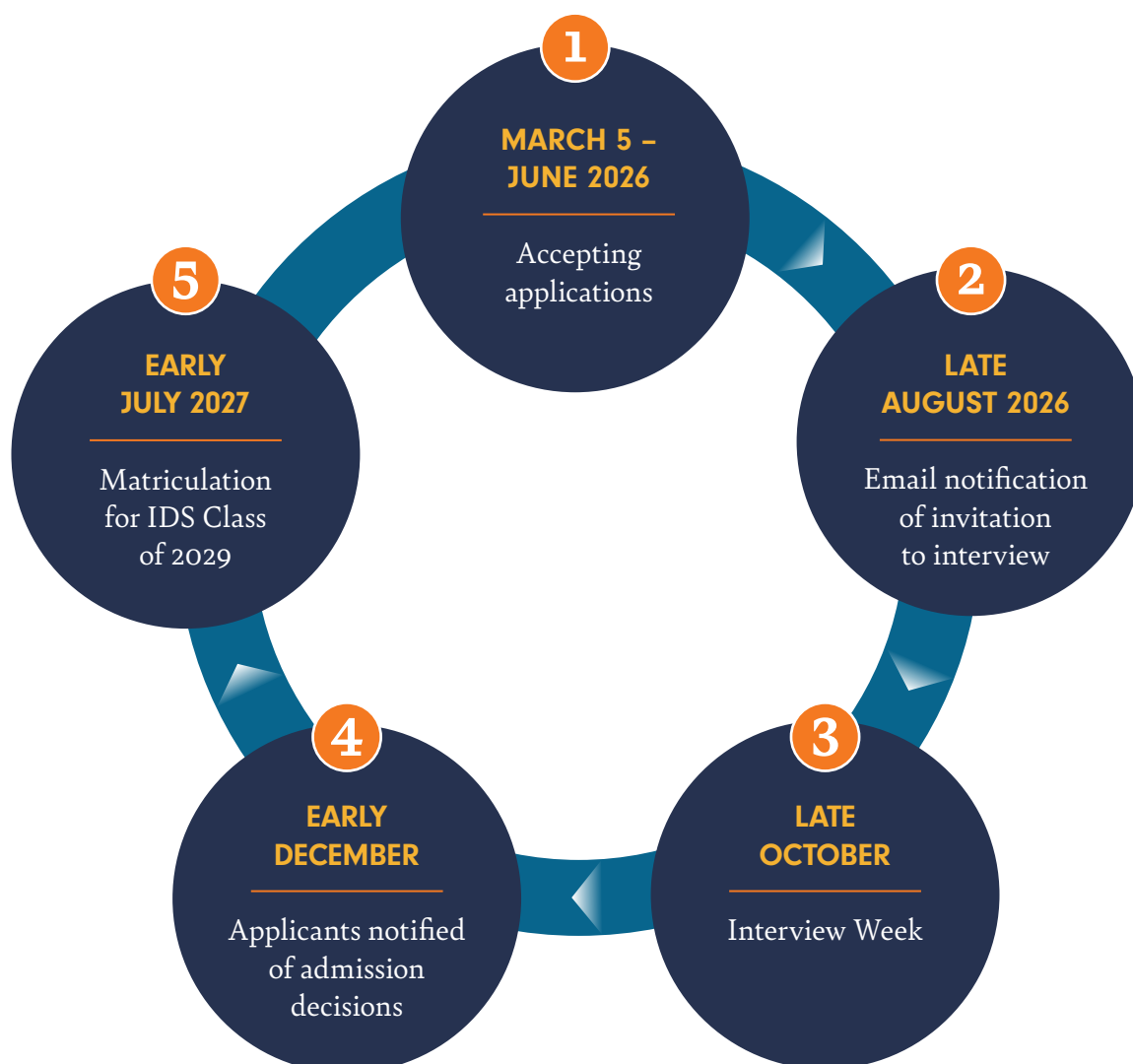
The 2026 IDS application cycle opens on Thursday, March 5, 2026, when ADEA begins accepting CAAPID applications.

Although the application cycle is not based on a first-receive, first-invitation rolling process, we encourage you to apply when ADEA (American Dental Education Association) begins accepting CAAPID (Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists) applications on **Thursday, March 5, 2026**.

In support of the school's sustainability initiatives, IDS Admissions offers a fully paperless application process. All supplemental documents must be submitted electronically as a single PDF attachment.

For your application to be considered for review by the IDS Admissions Committee, your CAAPID application and all supplemental documents must be received by the **IDS deadline of Friday, June 12, 2026 at 11:59 pm Pacific Time**.

IDS Application Cycle Timeline





Application Status and Processing

Application Processing:

Once your CAAPID application has been submitted and all required supplemental fees have been paid, the average application processing time is 2–3 weeks. After processing is complete, applicants will receive an email confirmation indicating whether the application is complete or missing required items or information.

Incomplete Applications:

Failure to submit all required documentation or to provide missing items will result in an incomplete application. Applications that remain incomplete after the published application deadline will not be considered for admission.

Under Review Status:

An email with the subject line “Application Status — COMPLETE” indicates that your application has been received in full and is currently under review by the IDS Admissions Committee. No additional information will be required at this time. Any further instructions or next steps will be outlined in the body of the email.

Updates and Additional Documents:

IDS Admissions does not accept supplemental materials, documents or letters of recommendation beyond those submitted through the CAAPID application and required supplemental documents.

More Information:

While we understand that you may have questions regarding the application process and admissions requirements, we highly encourage you to take time to read the **Frequently Asked Questions** and **IDS Admissions Requirements**.

If you have any questions, please contact:



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Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm PT

ADEA must receive from you a completed electronic application, an ECE course-by-course application, and the appropriate fee before they can process and release your CAAPID application to the Dugoni School of Dentistry. ADEA's application processing time is typically 2 weeks. To avoid any issues with your application, please apply well before the **ADEA/CAAPID deadline of Friday, June 12, 2026 at 11:59 pm Pacific Time.**

Complete the CAAPID application and provide the following to ADEA:

CAAPID Application:

- Complete and submit the online application.

Processing Fee:

- Pay the processing fee with a credit card.

Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE):

- Provide an ECE course-by-course evaluation report with a U.S. grade point average (GPA) (2.00 – 4.00.)
- If ECE provides a second GPA (best result or comprehensive), Pacific will only consider the comprehensive grade average. Applicants with a U.S. GPA of 1.99 or below will not be considered.

National Board Dental Examination (NBDE 1 & 2) / Integrated National Board Dental (INBDE):

- Require a PASS result for NBDE Parts 1 and 2 or INBDE. Request ADA Department of Testing Services to submit results directly to ADEA.

A FAIL result or a score of 74 or less will not be considered.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):

- **TOEFL Requirement:** Applicants are required to take the TOEFL under the new TOEFL scoring format effective January 21. A minimum overall score of 4.5 or higher is required to be considered for admission.
- **Score Submission:** Applicants must request ETS to submit TOEFL scores directly to ADEA (institution code B451).

- **Minimum Score Policy:** All applicants must meet or exceed the minimum required score to be considered. Scores below the minimum requirement will not be considered. No alternative or superscored results will be accepted.

Letters of Evaluation/Recommendation

- Three letters are required, submitted through your ADEA CAAPID application. Otherwise known as "Evaluations," all three letters should be written in English (or translated to English by a certified translator) and should be as recent as possible as stated according to the current application cycle guidelines.
- At least two of these three letters must be written by either U.S. or international dental professionals (dentists, dental school faculty, etc.) with whom you have worked with or learned from. A letter from a dental school dean is not required.
- Please have your evaluators follow these guidelines when submitting their letters:

Provide the letter on company or school letterhead.

*Include evaluators' **name, phone number, email and mailing address** either directly on the letter or through the CAAPID submission process.*

- Letters must be hand signed by the evaluator. Digitally signed letters will not be accepted.

Dental Diploma / Certificate

- Provide a school-issued document confirming your conferred U.S./international advanced degree (masters, doctorate). If the document is not in English, provide a scanned version of the document in its original language along with an English translation.

Step 2

Dugoni School Additional Requirements Checklist

\$100 Dugoni School Application Fee (non-refundable)

- Pay this fee with a credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa) using the online payment portal. Provide your CAAPID# along with all credit card information.

Be sure to complete and submit your CAAPID application and pay all CAAPID-associated processing fees before paying this supplementary fee, as it is non-refundable if you submit the payment in error.

Dental Curriculum Vitae (CV)

- Applicants must provide details regarding their educational background and dental experience from dental school to the present. Dental experience information will be collected through a Qualtrics survey, which applicants will receive via email after submission of the supplemental application fee. The survey must be completed as part of the application process.
- A sample dental CV is available on our website.

Casper Assessment

- All applicants to the International Dental Studies (IDS) program are required to complete the Casper assessment as part of the application process. Casper is an online, scenario-based assessment designed to evaluate non-cognitive skills and professional competencies, including communication, ethics, empathy and decision-making.
- After the supplemental application fee has been paid, applicants will receive an email with a link to the Casper registration page, where available test dates during the application cycle (March–June) will be listed. Casper results are sent directly to the Dugoni School of Dentistry; no additional action is required from applicants to submit scores.
- Applicants must complete the Casper assessment by the published deadline for their application to be considered complete and eligible for review.

NOTE: The school reserves the right to modify or change admission standards or requirements at any time without prior notice, effective immediately. This information cannot be regarded as creating a binding contract between the applicant/student and the school.



Step 3

Submittal Instructions

Electronic Document/Scanning Guidelines

Applicants must ensure that all supplemental documents are scanned clearly and meet the following requirements prior to submission:

- **Single PDF File:** All supplemental documents must be combined into one PDF file.
- **File Size:** The PDF file must not exceed 5 MB.
- **Scan Quality:** Documents should be scanned at a recommended resolution of 300 dpi. Color scans are permitted if the file remains under 5 MB.
- **Page Size:** Oversized documents must be reduced to 8.5 x 11 inches (21.59 x 27.94 cm).
- **Legibility:** All documents must be clear and readable. Illegible or poor-quality scans may result in an incomplete application.

PDF Email Attachment:

All Supplemental Documents

All required supplemental documents must be submitted as one combined PDF email attachment by the published application deadline.

- **File Naming Format:**
The PDF must be renamed using the following format:
LastName_FirstName_CAAPID#.pdf
- **Email Submission:**
The PDF must be emailed to ids@pacific.edu.
Subject Line:
Pacific IDS Applicant – Last Name, First Name – CAAPID#
Email Body:
Last Name, First Name – CAAPID#
- **No Paper Submissions:** Do not mail or request that agencies or evaluators send paper documents. Any physical materials received will not be reviewed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all supplemental documents are submitted in the correct format and by the application deadline. Failure to follow scanning or submission instructions may result in processing delays or an incomplete application, which will not be considered for admission.

Confirmation of Receipt: Applicants should allow adequate processing time after submission. IDS Admissions will notify applicants by email once their application has been reviewed for completeness.



Good Luck!

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