

M  T PRE-MEDICAL  
SOCIETY

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Discover Prehealth Lite

Fall 2020

# The medical school application timeline

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# MCAT

- Summer (August/September)
  - Generally you can do something else alongside
  - A lot of people do UROP
- IAP (January/February)
  - 1 month of mostly cramming
- Schedule your MCAT > 3 months in advance, in a familiar location
- Try to take it after classes at MIT that set the foundation
  - Chem/Physics: 5.111, 8.01
  - Biology/Biochemistry: 7.012, 7.05
  - Psychology and Sociology: 9.00, course 17 classes

# The COPA letter

## Committee on Prehealth Advising

- Prehealth Advising
- Faculty at MIT

If you go to a school that has a Committee Letter (like MIT), request a Committee Letter

## What you do:

- Enroll in COPA (meet with PHA)
- Request letters of recommendation
- Interview with your Committee

## What COPA does:

- Read your letters
- Interview you
- Get to know you!
- Write a cover letter for your whole application

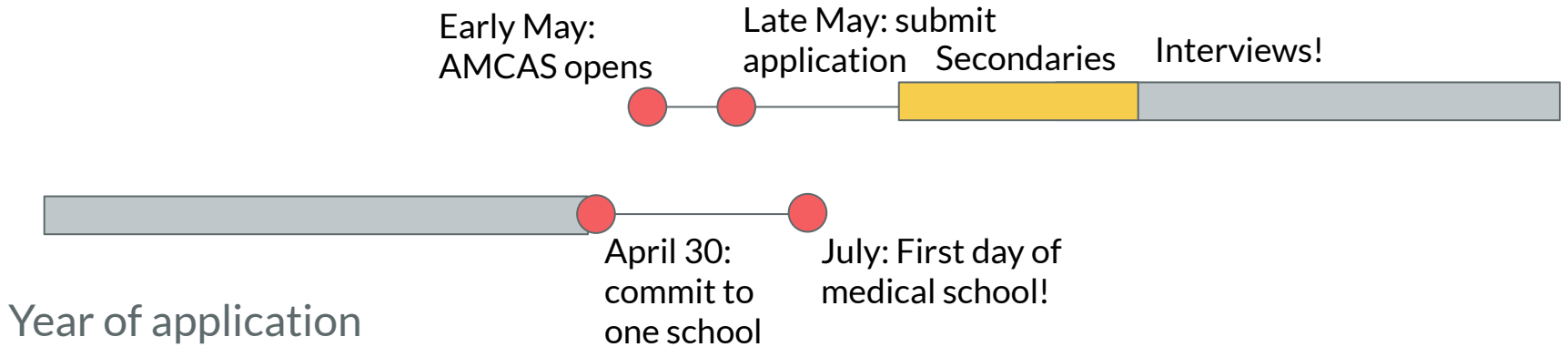
# The application cycle

A full year!

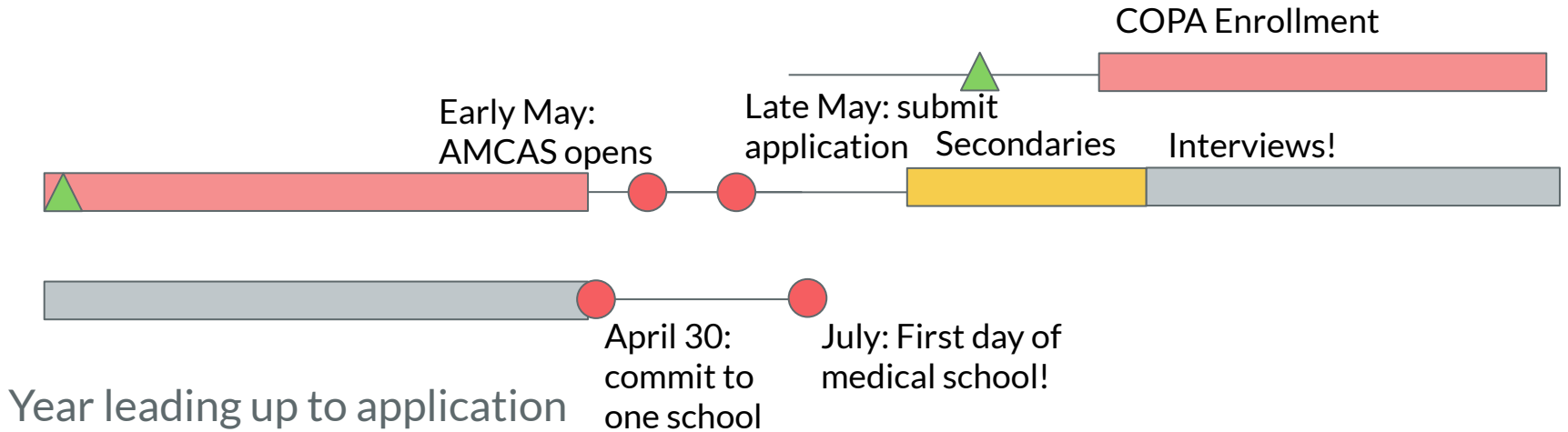
May to April

AMCAS

TMDSAS



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■ DPH Lite, Day 4

Junior year

COPA Enrollment

Early May:  
AMCAS opens

Late May: submit  
application

▲ Secondaries

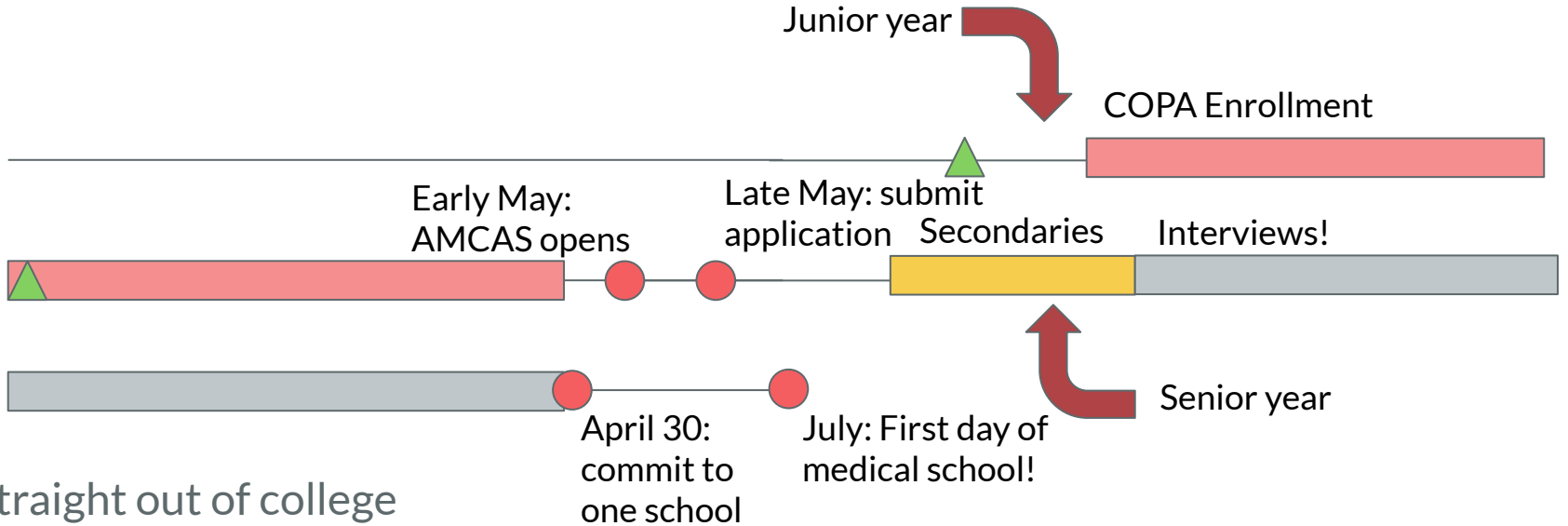
Interviews!

● April 30:  
commit to  
one school

● July: First day of  
medical school!

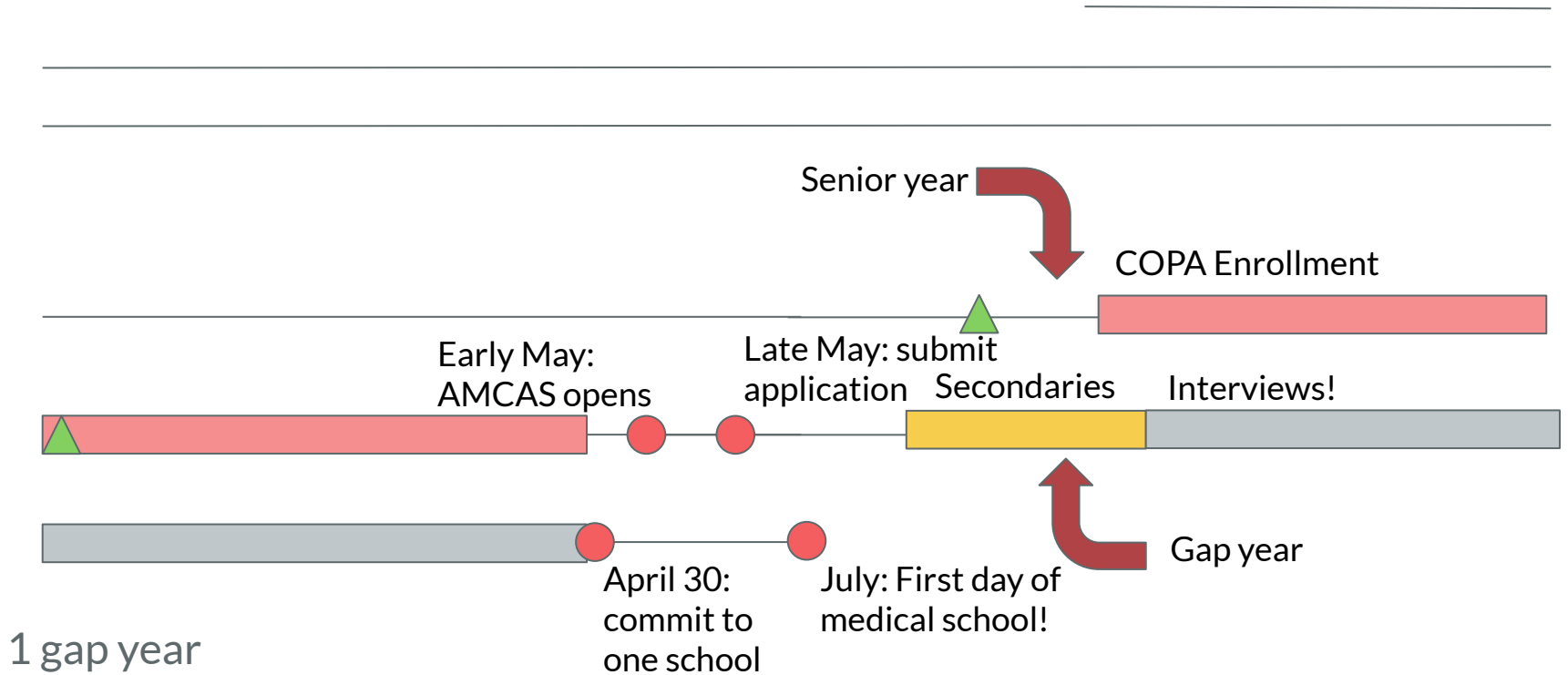
Senior year

Straight out of college

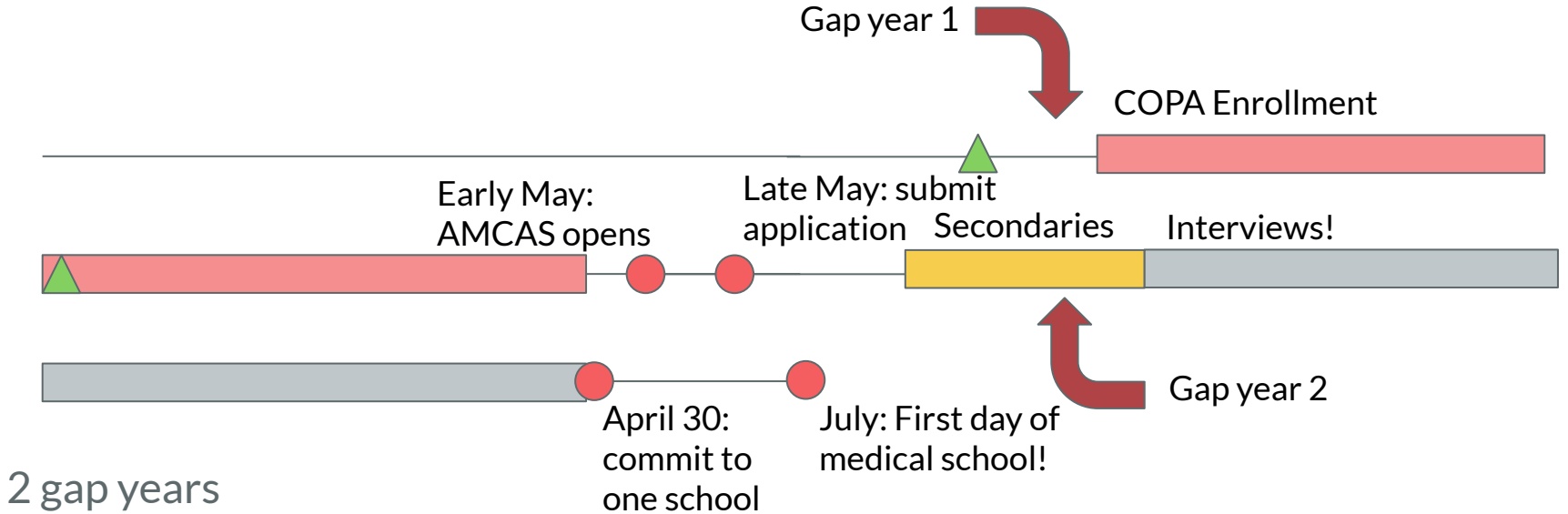




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Gap years

24

The mean age of students matriculating into medical schools in 2018

# Gap year activities

## Not premed\*

- Work in industry
- Travel
- Do volunteer work

\*still has to tie into your story!

## Premed

- Take more courses
- Do research
- MEng
- Rhodes/Marshall scholarships

# Cost of applying to medical school

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MCAT: ~\$300

AMCAS: \$130 + \$40/school

Secondaries: ~\$100/school

Interviews: travel + lodging

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