Navigating PharmCAS

Start Time: 8:10pm
End Time: 8:45pm

What is PharmCAS?
- Pharmacy College Application service
- Centralized application site for pharmacy schools
- Cycle opens in mid-July
- PharmCAS.org

1. Create an account
2. Select schools you want to apply to
3. Four main sections
   A. Personal information
   B. Academic history
      a. Transcript entry - must get transcripts from all schools that you've attended, PharmCAS will notify you once your transcripts have been received (takes a few weeks to verify grades are entered correctly)
      b. Ordering Transcripts from https://registrar.ucdavis.edu/records/transcripts
      c. Tips - double check your entries
   C. Supporting information
      a. Letter of Recommendations - Select "Yes" on waiving your right to access the evaluation, PharmCAS will accept up to 4 letter per applicant
      b. Tip: give your letter writers a deadline of at least 2-3 weeks before the application is due
      c. Who to ask? Anyone who can write a strong letter speaking to your character
      d. How to build relationships? Office hours, getting involved, being open minded
      e. When do I ask? Earlier the better, make sure the writers have enough time to write
      f. How to reach out? In person or email
   D. Program materials
      a. Each school will have different essay questions, document submissions, evidence of practicing hours, supporting authentication
4. Standardized Tests/PCAT
   A. Optional for many pharmacy schools in California
   B. If you choose to take the PCAT and report the score, you need to set up score delivery to PharmCAS when you register for PCAT

Application Fees
- Depends on the number of programs you apply
- Note: limited amount of fee waivers
- Schools may also have a supplemental application fee

Q&A Session
- When did you make the account on PharmCAS?
  ○ Officer 1: Made an account in sophomore year because you can do the supplemental questions ahead of time
- What was the hardest part of PharmCAS?
  ○ Officer 1: Transcript entry - did it manually