Research Experience and Medical School

It may not be a surprise that many students entering medical school have research experience, but it might surprise you just how many. The following pie charts for the seven Illinois allopathic medical schools indicate the percentage of their incoming 2013-14 class that had prior research experience. (data from Medical School Admission Requirements Online)

Research experience is just one of several factors that medical schools consider, and students without research experience do get into medical schools, but these percentages suggest research is one important factor. So if you are interested in medical school, consider getting research experience as part of your preparation. Take a look at the LUROP Fellowships to support research here at Loyola, search this page on the LUROP website for guides to search through hundreds of summer research programs, check out this list of upcoming workshops, including three on finding research opportunities. While these sites can help you find research opportunities, remember of course to use the Office of Pre-Health Advising as a resource.
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- With Research Experience: 13%
- W/o Research Experience: 87%

Rush Medical College

- With Research Experience: 10%
- W/o Research Experience: 90%

Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago

- With Research Experience: 17%
- W/o Research Experience: 83%