Skype Policy: Clarification re: Health Professions Interviews

Over the past couple of years, we have had several requests from our applicants for Skype interviews. For the most part, the requests have been quite legitimate; a recent grad not wanting to incur the expense and time away from work or school that a visit to Vermont entails, or a current student who is studying abroad. A Skype interview is particularly appealing when all three interviews cannot be scheduled during one return visit to campus.

We do believe, however, that there is tremendous value in conducting a “face to face” interview. Much is gleaned from the body language, hand gestures, and affect that are lost when Skyping. If nothing else, in-person interviews are excellent preparation for medical school admission interviews. For this reason, we recommend that all interviews be “face to face”, allowing for the appropriate circumstance when Skype is a true necessity, rather than a preference.

If you believe your situation warrants a virtual interview accommodation, please describe why performing a face-to-face interview would present a significant hardship and send your request to Nicole Veilleux at hprofess@middlebury.edu by November 20, 2015.