

# IDeA

## Innovation & Design Application at Sidney Kimmel Medical College



First year medical students from Jefferson participate in an industrial design class. (Photo by William Thomas Cain/Cain Images)

The Innovation & Design Application (IDeA) Program provides an early assurance to The Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC) at Thomas Jefferson University for Princeton University undergraduates in their sophomore year. The program invites Princeton University sophomores pursuing non-traditional “pre-med” majors or

concentrations such as architecture, engineering and computer science to apply for early admission to SKMC. Our vision is to create a program that fosters an “out-of-the-box” approach to health care challenges from a novel perspective.

Admitted students will not be required to take the MCAT or the full

pre-med course load. Once enrolled at SKMC, students in their first year of medical school will be invited to pursue the College within the College – Design Program, a four year co-curricular journey that will focus on developing a human-centered approach to medicine through the lens of design thinking.