



# Washington University in St. Louis

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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### Office of Admissions

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TO: Applicant for Admission to Washington University School of Medicine

FROM: Valerie S. Ratts, MD  
Chairman, Committee on Admissions

SUBJECT: Application for Admission

Thank you for your interest in attending Washington University School of Medicine. I have received from AMCAS a copy of your Application for Admission.

The enclosed information and detailed instructions will guide you through the application process. I urge you to complete your application promptly. Once completed, applications are reviewed individually to select those to be invited for a personal interview with the Committee on Admissions. Each applicant's personal and academic achievements are considered carefully before extending an invitation to visit St. Louis.

We are very proud of our medical school. Over the past century, Washington University School of Medicine has emerged as one of the best in the world. Among the many factors that have contributed to our reputation, several have direct bearing on your education. These include:

- • Outstanding resources for learning to practice clinical medicine in our two top-ranked hospitals, which together have approximately 1,500 beds and log more than 940,000 outpatient visits a year;
- • Extensive opportunities for learning biomedical research in our superior facilities through the
  - Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD) and
  - Clinical Research Fellowship Program (MA/MD or MD/MSCI);
- • An exceptional student body taught by world-renowned and inspiring teachers;
- • Diverse opportunities for community service; plus
- • Abundant cultural and recreational opportunities in St. Louis.

Our aim is to acquaint you with our school and to make the application process as straightforward as possible. To give you a brief overview, I am enclosing a copy of *The Study of Medicine at Washington University*. If you have any questions, I invite you to contact me by letter, email or fax.

Best wishes as you embark on the next step of your career in medicine.

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Please keep these instructions and information materials.

## Completing Your Application for Admission to Washington University School of Medicine

Completing and submitting the online Supplemental Application will fulfill the next step in your Application for Admission to Washington University School of Medicine. You must complete the Supplemental Application on [WUMSapply.wustl.edu](http://WUMSapply.wustl.edu) for your application to be reviewed. The Supplemental Application should be completed within four weeks and no later than December 31, 2014, whichever comes first.

### Personal Requirements for Admission

Standards for admission are high. Applicants must possess personal qualities of character, aptitude, integrity and motivation suitable for a career in medicine. Other personal attributes considered include extracurricular accomplishments and avocational interests.

### Academic Requirements

Applicants must present evidence of superior intellectual ability and scholastic achievement as demonstrated by their academic record and performance on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

Required course work includes a minimum of one year in biological science, general or inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physics and calculus through integral and differential equations. However, statistics can be substituted for one semester of calculus. One semester of organic chemistry can be replaced by one semester of biochemistry. A course in biochemistry, though not required, is encouraged. Although many applicants will have majored in one of the natural sciences, applications from those who have majored in the humanities or social sciences are equally welcome. Advanced placement credits are accepted.

Oldest MCATs accepted – 2011

### Online Submission of Supplemental Application Form

Complete the four parts of the Supplemental Application online at [WUMSapply.wustl.edu](http://WUMSapply.wustl.edu). After you submit the Supplemental Application, you will not be able to reenter the website. If you need to modify or update your Supplemental Application, please contact our office ([wumscoa@wustl.edu](mailto:wumscoa@wustl.edu)).

Your Contact Information: The contact information that you enter on [WUMSapply.wustl.edu](http://WUMSapply.wustl.edu) will be used for all future communication with you. Please keep this information current and update it whenever it changes.

Recommendations/Evaluations: Indicate on your Supplemental Application ([WUMSapply.wustl.edu](http://WUMSapply.wustl.edu)) the source(s) or names of people who will submit confidential evaluations in support of your application to Washington University. In general we require three letters of recommendation. Washington University School of Medicine participates in the AMCAS Letter Service. Letters should be on letterhead, dated and signed. The letters should come from three teachers at a college or university you attended who know you well enough to write on your behalf. These teachers should be asked to provide in-depth evaluations of your accomplishments, skills, talents and character rather than mere recapitulations of your academic achievement or grades in their course(s). At least one of these individuals should teach in the sciences. If you have had a particularly significant extracurricular experience, you may also invite someone who is aware of your accomplishment(s) to submit an additional letter of evaluation.

Please indicate on the Supplemental Application in which of the following formats your recommendations will be submitted.

A. A packet of recommendations prepared or "Committee" letters prepared or assembled by a Premedical Advisor or Committee or a representative of your educational institution.

B. A packet of three letters that have been collected on your behalf.

C. Letters of evaluation/recommendation from people who know you well such as teachers, research mentor(s) or supervisors that are submitted individually. Three letters are required. If you choose this option, please enter the letter writers' names on the Supplemental Application.

Additional Letters: If a packet is being submitted for you, additional individual letters may also be submitted on your behalf. Please list the names of those who are sending them in the Additional Letters section of the Supplemental Application.

Your letters of support can be submitted by email ([wumscoa@wustl.edu](mailto:wumscoa@wustl.edu)), by secure Web server (such as InterFolio or Virtual Evals), by AMCAS Letter Service or by mail. They should be directed to:

Committee on Admissions  
Washington University School of Medicine  
Campus Box 8107, 660 S. Euclid Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63110-1093

Certification by Current Dean of Students: Certification form(s) must be submitted on your behalf by an official at each undergraduate or graduate institution listed on your AMCAS application from which you have received or expect to receive a degree in addition to any other school in which you were enrolled and were involved in a disciplinary or institutional action.

Print the form, complete the applicant identifying information, check the waiver statement and sign. Then deliver the form to the appropriate institutional official(s) that you indicated on the Supplemental Application. Original document with signature is required. No admissions decision can be made until these forms have been returned to the School of Medicine.

Photograph: As part of the Supplemental Application, please attach a jpeg file of a photo of yourself (preferably less than 1 MB) following the directions at [WUMSapply.wustl.edu](http://WUMSapply.wustl.edu).

Service Fee: An application service fee of \$80 (U.S.) is required. Follow the directions at [WUMSapply.wustl.edu](http://WUMSapply.wustl.edu) for electronic payment.

If you have been granted a fee waiver from AMCAS, we shall automatically waive your Supplemental Application service fee. If you did not receive a fee waiver from AMCAS, your Supplemental Application service fee will not be waived.

For Your Application to be Complete, we must receive:

1. Your verified application from AMCAS
2. MCAT results
3. Recommendations: either a packet with a committee letter, a packet of collected letters, or three individually submitted letters of recommendation
4. Application service fee or reported AMCAS Fee Waiver

Deadlines: All required admission credentials should be submitted to the Committee on Admissions at the earliest possible date. Please check [WUMSapply.wustl.edu](http://WUMSapply.wustl.edu) periodically for missing credentials.

Complete your Supplemental Application and Attestation within four weeks of receiving our email invitation.

October 15, 2014	MSTP AMCAS application deadline
October 31, 2014	MSTP Supplemental Application deadline
December 1, 2014	AMCAS application deadline for Washington University
December 31, 2014	Deadline for submitting Supplemental Application and all related materials
May 1, 2015	Deadline by which applicants holding multiple acceptances to medical schools must relinquish all acceptances but one. Applicants who fail to do so may have their acceptance to Washington University School of Medicine rescinded.

**How to Check the Status of Your Application:** To find out if your application is complete and whether materials that you asked to be sent have arrived, please go to [WUMSapply.wustl.edu](http://WUMSapply.wustl.edu) and click on Check Application Status. Please allow one week for processing of application materials.

**Interview:** Although the Committee on Admissions would like to interview every applicant, this is impossible. Therefore, the Committee will invite carefully selected applicants to come to Washington University for an interview, visit with students and faculty, and tour the School of Medicine and Washington University Medical Center.

If you are planning a trip that will include the St. Louis area, it is appropriate to email or fax an inquiry to the Committee to learn if an interview will be authorized. The inquiry should be submitted at least three weeks in advance of your anticipated travel. The Admissions Office is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central time.

**Correspondence and Communications:** Please keep your personal contact information up to date. The Committee on Admissions encourages applicants to communicate by email, mail or fax. Addresses are:

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Email: [wumscoa@wustl.edu](mailto:wumscoa@wustl.edu)  
Website: [medadmissions.wustl.edu](http://medadmissions.wustl.edu)

**Admission Notification Dates:** The Committee aims to notify applicants as soon as decisions are made. Hence, the Committee sends letters notifying applicants when the status of their applications changes. It is impossible to give status reports verbally or in writing to the several thousand applicants to the School of Medicine. Please realize that after your application is complete, it may remain under consideration for a number of months. However, by April 15, every applicant should have an admission decision: "accepted," "not accepted" or "waiting list."

**Admission Credentials:** All forms, materials and credentials in connection with your Application for Admission become the property of Washington University School of Medicine and are held in strict confidence by the Committee on Admissions. These items will not be returned nor will they be transferred.

## If You Wish to Apply to the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)

Please note: The MD/PhD program does not require a separate application; however, you must complete the MD/PhD essays in the AMCAS application and the Washington University School of Medicine Supplemental Application by October 31, 2014, to be considered for admission to this program. Letters of recommendation from research mentors are also required.

The Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) at Washington University is the largest and one of the oldest in the United States. It is designed for highly qualified and motivated students who are interested in combining a career in research with the practice of medicine. The program provides students with the opportunity to earn both the MD and PhD degrees, usually within seven or eight years of study. Tuition and health fees are paid by the program, and a monthly stipend is provided for living expenses.

Successful candidates for admission to the MSTP have excellent academic credentials and at least two years of research experience at the time of matriculation. The program enrolls an average of 25 first-year students annually.

Students who are interested in careers in academic medicine or biomedical research are encouraged to apply for admission to the MSTP. Further information may be obtained by contacting the MSTP.

Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)  
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Telephone: (314) 362-7190  
Toll Free: (800) 852-4625  
Fax: (314) 362-3369  
Email: [mstp@wusm.wustl.edu](mailto:mstp@wusm.wustl.edu)  
Website: [mstp.wustl.edu](http://mstp.wustl.edu)

Applications to the MSTP are evaluated by both the MSTP Committee and the Medical School Committee on Admissions. A separate series of MSTP interviews is required for admission.

## Official Notifications

### Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening

Incoming students in the School of Medicine must undergo criminal background checks and drug screening before matriculation because of requirements of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations (JCAHO). These confidential procedures are required of all health care workers, students and volunteers who participate in patient-related health care activities at the hospitals and health care facilities with which Washington University School of Medicine is affiliated.

An accepted student must consent to criminal background checks, which must be completed successfully before he or she can matriculate in the School of Medicine. Consent forms will be distributed to applicants who are offered positions in the incoming class. Similarly, at the time of medical school orientation, all incoming prematriculant students must submit to screening for the following substances: THC — cannabis, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines and PCP — phencyclidine. A confirmed positive test will preclude enrollment into the School of Medicine.

### Technical Standards Statement

Graduates of Washington University with a Doctor of Medicine degree are expected to have broad competence in the basic skills that underlie the general practice of medicine and surgery. All graduates must be able to take a history, examine a person, and synthesize the findings into a diagnosis and plan of evaluation and treatment independently. Thus, medical students must possess the requisite sensory, motor, communicative and cognitive capabilities to accomplish these requirements in a reliable manner in order to be competent and safe medical practitioners.

### Nondiscrimination Statement

Washington University encourages and gives full consideration to all applicants for admission, financial aid and employment. The university does not discriminate in access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability or genetic information. Inquiries about compliance should be addressed to the university's Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, Washington University, Campus Box 1184, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130. The School of Medicine is committed to recruiting, enrolling and educating a diverse student body.

### Campus Security Statement

As required by the Campus Security Act, a federal statute, statistics and related information about campus and community crimes are available at the Washington University Danforth Campus website, [police.wustl.edu](http://police.wustl.edu), and at the School of Medicine website, [wusmproserv.wustl.edu](http://wusmproserv.wustl.edu).