

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 (WUSM). You must complete the Supplemental Application on mdapply.wustl.edu for your application to be reviewed. **The Supplemental Application should be completed within four weeks of your receipt of an email that will provide a link to the supplementary application, and no later than December 15, 2020, 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)**. WUSM recognizes the unique challenges that COVID-19 has caused for many applicants in the 2021 application cycle. To assist with one aspect of the application process, the Committee on Admissions (COA) has extended the latest MCAT scores that will be considered, and will now accept scores from January 2017 through September 2020 test dates. With this accommodation, the WUSM COA acknowledges that delivery of test scores may be later than is typical for some applicants. We will strive to be especially flexible in this 2021 application cycle, and believe our December 15, 2020 deadline for the secondary application and related materials allows adequate time for these adjustments.

Required course work includes a minimum of one year in biological science, general or inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physics and calculus. One semester of organic chemistry may be replaced by one semester of biochemistry. A course in biochemistry, though not required, is encouraged. Statistics may be substituted for one semester of calculus. 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.

The COA recognizes that COVID-19 has created a unique situation where an entire semester of courses in Winter or Spring 2020 may be graded pass/fail. Grades from these courses will be accepted and considered as usual in the context of the rest of an applicant's portfolio. We continue to monitor the situation and recognize the need to be flexible in our evaluation of candidates.

Online Submission of Supplemental Application Form

Complete the Supplemental Application online at mdapply.wustl.edu. After you submit the Supplemental Application, you will not be able to edit the application. If you need to modify or update your Supplemental Application, please contact our office (mdadmissions@wustl.edu).

Recommendations/Evaluations: 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 instructors 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.

Additional Letters: If a packet is being submitted for you, additional individual letters may also be submitted on your behalf.

Your letters of support can be submitted by email (mdadmissions@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

Service Fee: An application service fee of \$100 (U.S.) is required. Follow the directions at mdapply.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 mdapply.wustl.edu periodically for missing credentials.**

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

October 15	MSTP AMCAS application deadline
October 31	MSTP Supplemental Application deadline
December 1	AMCAS application deadline for Washington University
December 15	Deadline for submitting Supplemental Application and all related materials
April 30	Selecting "Plan to Enroll", or PTE, is required in the AMCAS Choose Your Medical School Tool. Per Washington University School of Medicine policy, applicants must reduce their number of acceptances to medical school to one school, thereby holding only one acceptance position. Per Washington University School of Medicine policy, applicants may hold waitlist positions at other schools.

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 mdapply.wustl.edu and click on **Check Application Status**. Please allow 10 business days 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 interview. For the 2020-21 cycle, it is anticipated that all interviews will be conducted virtually. Virtual interviews will include two one-on-one meetings with faculty, the opportunity to meet our students, and the ability to virtually tour the School of Medicine and Washington University Medical Center.

Correspondence and Communications: Please keep your personal contact information up to date. If an update is needed, please do so via AMCAS. The Committee on Admissions encourages applicants to communicate by email or mail. See our addresses below:

Committee on Admissions
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Campus Box 8107, 660 S. Euclid Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110-1093

Telephone: (314) 362-6858
Fax: (314) 362-4658
Email: mdadmissions@wustl.edu
Website: mdadmissions.wustl.edu

Admission Notification Dates: The Committee aims to notify applicants as soon as decisions are made. Hence, the Committee sends emails 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 "wait list."

Admissions 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 31st 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 admissions 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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Toll Free: (800) 852-4625
Fax: (314) 362-3369
Website: 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 pre-matriculant 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, and at the School of Medicine website, facilities.med.wustl.edu/security.