

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

**Online Completion of the Supplemental Application:** As the next step in your application to Washington University School of Medicine (WUSM), you are invited to complete the Supplemental Application. We will send you an email containing a link to the Supplemental Application, which you will complete on our portal at [mdapply.wustl.edu](http://mdapply.wustl.edu). The Supplemental Application should be completed within two weeks of your receipt of the email, and no later than December 7, 2021. After you submit the Supplemental Application, you will not be able to edit it. If you need to modify or update your Supplemental Application, please contact our office ([mdadmissions@wustl.edu](mailto:mdadmissions@wustl.edu)).

**Academic Requirements:** The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is required. WUSM recognizes the unique challenges that COVID-19 has caused for many applicants in the 2022 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 2018 through September 2021 test dates. We must receive your score by December 7, 2021.

Required course work includes 90 hours in an approved college or university, to include a minimum of one year in each of the following disciplines: biological science, general or inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physics and calculus. Biochemistry, though not required, is encouraged, and one semester of biochemistry may be substituted for one semester of organic chemistry. Statistics may be substituted for one semester of calculus. Advanced placement credits are accepted. Although many applicants will have majored in one of the natural or physical sciences, applications from those who have majored in the humanities or social sciences are equally welcome.

The COA recognizes that COVID-19 has created a unique situation where an applicant may have taken one or more courses on a pass/fail or credit/no credit basis. 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.

**Recommendation Letters:** In general, we require three letters of recommendation, which may be submitted individually or collected for submission by a prior or current educational institution ("letter packet"). **Letters should be on letterhead, dated and signed.** Typically, letters should come from three instructors at a college or university you attended who know you well enough to write on your behalf. At least one should be from an individual who has taught you in the sciences. These recommenders should be asked to provide an in-depth evaluation of your accomplishments, skills, talents and character rather than mere recapitulations of your academic achievement or course grades. Letters may also come from research mentors. If you have had a particularly significant extracurricular or postgraduate experience, you may also invite mentors or supervisors from this experience to submit a letter of evaluation.

You are permitted to submit a letter prepared by a premedical advisor or committee, either in addition to individual letters, or as a substitute for them if this is the typical practice at your school.

Your letters of support can be submitted by email ([mdadmissions@wustl.edu](mailto:mdadmissions@wustl.edu)), by secure Web server (such as InterFolio or Virtual Evals), by AMCAS Letter Service or by mail. If submitted 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](http://mdapply.wustl.edu) for electronic payment. If you have been granted a fee waiver from AMCAS, we will automatically waive your service fee. If you did not receive a fee waiver from AMCAS, your service fee will not be waived.

**For Your Application to Be Complete,** we must receive:

1. Your verified application from AMCAS and your completed WUSM Supplemental Application
2. MCAT results
3. Recommendations
4. Application service fee or reported AMCAS Fee Waiver

**Deadlines:** All materials should be submitted to the Committee on Admissions as early as possible. We strongly recommend that you complete your Supplemental Application within two weeks of being invited to do so. **Please check [mdapply.wustl.edu](http://mdapply.wustl.edu) periodically for missing credentials.**

October 31	Last day for individuals applying to the MSTP (combined MD-PhD program) to submit AMCAS application and WUSM Supplemental Application
November 30	AMCAS application deadline for Washington University for MD-only applicants
December 7	Deadline for submitting Supplemental Application and all other materials for MD-only applicants
April 30	Accepted applicants who intend to hold a place in the class must select “Plan to Enroll”, or PTE, in the AMCAS Choose Your Medical School Tool by this date. Per AMCAS Traffic Rules, by April 30 applicants must reduce their number of acceptances to medical school to one school. Accepted applicants may hold waitlist positions at other schools while maintaining PTE status at WUSM until one week prior to orientation, at which time they must “Commit to Enroll” at WUSM and withdraw from any waitlists.

**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](http://mdapply.wustl.edu) and click on **Check Application Status**. Please allow 10 business days for processing of application materials.

**Interviews:** 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 2021–22 cycle, it is anticipated that all interviews will be conducted virtually. Virtual interviews will include a standardized video interview, two one-on-one meetings with faculty, the opportunity to meet our students, and a virtual tour of the School of Medicine and Washington University Medical Center. There may be opportunities for admitted applicants to visit in person; these details remain to be determined at this time.

**Correspondence, Updates and Communications:** Please keep your personal contact information up to date. If an update to your contact information is needed, please do so via AMCAS. The Committee on Admissions is happy to add any updates to your file, such as new activities, publications, or personal news. These can be submitted by email to [mdadmissions@wustl.edu](mailto:mdadmissions@wustl.edu) or uploaded directly in our portal at [mdapply.wustl.edu](http://mdapply.wustl.edu) (use the Document Upload tab).

**Admission Notification Dates:** The Committee will notify you when the status of your application 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 will remain under consideration for a number of months, as WUSM uses a rolling admissions calendar. By April 15, every applicant will receive 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.

# Applying to the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)

The MD/PhD program does not require a separate application, but you must complete the MD/PhD essays in the AMCAS application and in 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 one of the largest and 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.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the MSTP.

Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)  
Washington University School of Medicine  
Campus Box 8226, 660 S. Euclid Ave.  
St. Louis MO 63110-1093

Telephone: (314) 362-7190  
Website: [mstp.wustl.edu](http://mstp.wustl.edu)  
Email: [mstp@wustl.edu](mailto: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.

## **Washington University School of Medicine Diversity Statement**

Washington University School of Medicine's culture of collaboration and inclusion is the foundation of success in everything it does. The School of Medicine recognizes that by bringing together people from varying backgrounds, experiences and areas of expertise, it can develop richer solutions to complex scientific questions, train culturally sensitive clinicians and provide health care in a way that best serves our diverse patient population. To support these values, the School of Medicine is deeply committed to building a diverse and inclusive community in which everyone is welcomed and valued. As the School of Medicine engages more fully with the community around it and appeals more broadly to student talent, it has adopted a clearer priority on diversifying its own ranks. Washington University encourages and gives full consideration to all applicants for admission, financial aid and employment regardless of race, color, ethnicity, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ability, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, socio-economic status, genetic information. We implement policies and practices that support the inclusion of all such potential students, trainees and employees and are committed to being an institution that is accessible to everyone who learns, conducts research, works and seeks care on our campus. We provide reasonable accommodations to those seeking that assistance.

## **Technical Standards Statement**

Washington University welcomes diverse applicants, including those with physical, sensory, learning, psychological, and chronic disease-related disabilities. The School of Medicine is committed to advocating for its students with disabilities and to educating a medical workforce that mirrors the diversity of the national population. We aim to be leaders in accessibility and inclusion.

Individuals seeking to graduate from Washington University with a Doctor of Medicine degree are expected to gain broad competence in the skills that underlie the practice of medicine and surgery. With or without accommodations, they must have the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to meet the School of Medicine's [educational program objectives](#) and meet the Technical Standards outlined in this document.

All graduates must be able to take a patient's history, perform an examination, and synthesize the findings into an assessment and plan in a reliable and effective manner, with or without reasonable accommodations. Abilities needed to meet these standards include:

- I. Observation Skills, including gaining information from instructional activities, taking a history, and recognizing and evaluating physical findings
- II. Communication Skills, including effective verbal and non-verbal communication with patients, caregivers, the health care team, and the education community
- III. Motor Function, including navigating the clinical environment and performing a physical examination
- IV. Intellectual-Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities, including acquiring, synthesizing and applying foundational knowledge and clinical data
- V. Behavioral, Social and Professional Attributes, including functioning as a compassionate, respectful, effective, ethical member of the health care and education community; receiving and acting on feedback; possessing the emotional and mental health needed to provide patient care; and prioritizing patient care in the face of competing demands

Applicants to the MD program review and attest to their ability to meet these technical standards as part of their application to the School of Medicine, and students attest again on an annual basis.

We welcome students with disabilities to apply to our school, to disclose their disability, and to collaborate with us to develop accommodations so that they can thrive and do their best work. Individuals who anticipate needing accommodations are encouraged to contact the University's Disability Resources office for a consultation. The office will engage in a confidential and interactive process with the student and other personnel as necessary to determine reasonable accommodations. As accommodations are not applied retroactively and may require time to be implemented, they should be requested in a timely

manner. Decisions on admission, retention and graduation will not be affected by the need for accommodations.

#### **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, [facilities.med.wustl.edu/security](http://facilities.med.wustl.edu/security).