MD/PhD Program

The MD/PhD program (Medical Scientist Training Program) provides the initial, pre-doctoral training for a career in academic medicine. It is designed to provide highly qualified students with the in-depth, high-caliber research training and medical education needed by biomedical academicians of the future.

The Emory MD/PhD program combines a rigorous preparation in clinical medicine with interdisciplinary training in the basic sciences. The program design allows students considerable flexibility in arranging both the graduate and medical school phases of study.

The Emory MD/PhD program provides the research training necessary to work at the forefront of a scientific field while concurrently developing outstanding clinical skills. Upon completion of the program, students receive appointments to the nation’s top residency training and post-doctoral training programs, generally receiving their first choice of appointments.

Programs of Study
The Emory MD/PhD program allows considerable diversity in the disciplines of graduate study that may be combined with the M.D. degree. While the majority of students in the program pursue Ph.D. training within the Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences (See GDBBS material), students have the opportunity to pursue any Ph.D. option available through the Graduate School with the combined approval of the MD/PhD program and the respective graduate training program. Current students are involved in anthropology, biological sciences, biomedical engineering, chemistry, and public health.

Professional Development
Laney offers a range of programs that encourages students to develop their professional skills, engage with broader professional communities, and prepare for their careers.
Visit gs.emory.edu to learn more.
Sequence of Study
The Program offers an integrated approach to its training, requiring students in the medical phase of training to attend graduate seminars, and alternatively, students in the graduate phase to participate in clinical activities.

While the program is open to alternative training pathways, most students who pursue the MD/PhD track start in the School of Medicine with the first eighteen months of the medical education curriculum. Upon completion of the first part of the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam, students enter the Graduate School for the Ph.D. phase of training. Upon completion of the Ph.D. degree, students return to the School of Medicine to complete the final clinical requirements of the third and fourth years of medical school for their M.D. degree.

All students are required to participate in a variety of MD/PhD activities throughout their training, including special seminars, clinical conferences and an annual retreat.

Funding and financial aid
The Emory MD/PhD program is a Medical Scientist Training Program sponsored in part through the National Institutes of Health. Students accepted into the program receive full tuition and a competitive annual stipend. The stipend for the 2015–16 academic year is $29,000.

Admissions
Applicants to the program should have an outstanding academic background in science or mathematics but are not required to major in the sciences. In addition to the standard medical school requirements, evidence of strong research experience and a commitment to independent scholarship is essential.

Applicants to the MD/PhD program should apply directly to Emory University School of Medicine through the American Medical Colleges Application Service (AMCAS) at www.aamc.org. All information submitted on the AMCAS application will be verified and sent to all the medical schools selected. Applications may be received by AMCAS between June 1 and October 15. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early, preferably in the summer. Upon receipt of the verified AMCAS application, an Emory Supplemental Application Form will be sent to the applicant.

MD/PhD applicants are required to submit their scores on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) in accordance with the admissions policies of the School of Medicine. Applicants to the MD/PhD program may choose (but are not required) to submit scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Note that some graduate programs outside of the Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences may require GRE scores. It is important to check with these graduate programs or the MD/PhD Program Office.

Applications from international students are accepted. If interviewed and accepted, international students receive the same scholarship package as domestic students, a competitive stipend and tuition waiver.

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