



**Georgetown University School of Medicine
2010 Guide to Application**

We appreciate your interest in Georgetown University School of Medicine. This document provides general information about the School of Medicine, the curriculum, the requirements for admissions, application policies and procedures, and programs offered at Georgetown. Georgetown participates in the American Medical College Application Services (AMCAS). Our Secondary Application is released to each applicant upon our receipt of a verified AMCAS application.

Before completing the Secondary Application, please read the following carefully. If you have questions, please contact the appropriate university department offices as indicated.

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR 2010

Georgetown University School of Medicine is participating in the AMCAS Letters of Recommendation Program. **All letters of recommendation MUST be sent to AMCAS. Any letters sent to the School of Medicine will be DISCARDED!!** For full information, please see the section on Letters of Recommendation.

All Committee decisions will be e-mailed to applicants. You must keep your Preferred E-mail Address (and other contact information) current in the AMCAS System at all times.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Website: <http://som.georgetown.edu>

This is the main portal for information on Georgetown University School of Medicine. Our homepage contains the School of Medicine Prospectus, Financial Aid Guide, School of Medicine Curriculum, Background Check Policy, and other information

E-mail: medicaladmissions@georgetown.edu (for ALL admissions-related inquiries)

Phone: 202-687-1154 (line is open from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Eastern Time, Monday-Friday)

Interviews: Interviews are by invitation of the Committee on Admissions only. Candidates invited for an interview should call the number indicated on their invitation.

Fax: 202-687-3079

Mailing Address:

**(Please note that ALL Letters of Recommendation MUST
be sent through the AMCAS Letters of Recommendation System)**

For USPS (including Express Mail):
Office of Admissions
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Box 571421
Washington, DC 20057-1421

For Commercial Carrier (FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc.):
Office of Admissions
Georgetown University School of Medicine
3900 Reservoir Road, NW
Room NE 108
Washington, DC 20007

2010 Application Calendar and Deadlines

Mid-May 2009	AMCAS Application Opens
Late-June/Early July 2009	GU Secondary Application Opens
Saturday, October 31, 2009	Deadline to submit AMCAS Application
Saturday, November 14, 2009	Deadline for AMCAS receipt of Official Transcripts
Tuesday, January 05, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to submit secondary application and application fee - 11:59PM PST • Deadline for receipt of Letters of Recommendation via the AMCAS Letters System - 11:59PM PST
Monday, March 01, 2010	Suggested Deadline to Submit FAFSA – Accepts, Select Pool Applicants, and those without a Committee Decision
Monday, March 15, 2010	\$100 Deposit Due for Accepted Applicants
Thursday, April 15, 2010	All Financial Aid Documents and Applications MUST be on file – This includes all Accepts, Select Pool Applicants, and those without a Committee Decision
Monday, May 17, 2010	\$100 Deposit is no longer refundable
Tuesday, June 01, 2010	\$900 Tuition Pre-payment Due for Accepted Applicants
Thursday, July 01, 2010	\$900 Tuition Pre-payment is no longer refundable
Early August 2010	Registration/Orientation for Class of 2014

Special MD/PhD Application Deadlines

Thursday, October 01, 2009	AMCAS Application Submitted - MD/PhD
Thursday, October 15, 2009	AMCAS Application Due at Georgetown - MD/PhD
Friday, November 13, 2009	<p><u>COMPLETED</u> MD/PhD Applications Due</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School Application Submitted - MD/PhD • GU SoM Secondary Application Submitted - MD/PhD • <u>ALL</u> other Required documents for MD and PhD Programs

Special One-Year Graduate Program Deadlines

Tuesday, September 15, 2009	Deadline to submit petitions - 11:59 PM ET
Friday, January 15, 2009	<p>Deadline to receive final documents – 5:00 PM ET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official First Semester Transcript • Additional Letter of Recommendation (Optional)

About Georgetown University School of Medicine

Mission Statement

Guided by the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*, Georgetown University School of Medicine will educate, in an integrated way, knowledgeable, ethical, skillful and compassionate physicians and biomedical scientists dedicated to the care of others and the health needs of our society.

For full information on our School of Medicine, including the prospectus, information on the curriculum, social justice programs, facilities, research opportunities, financial aid, and student life, please visit our website at <http://som.georgetown.edu>.

Selection Factors – Entering 2008 Class

AMCAS Applications	11,237
Matriculated Student Data	194 Students in the Entering 2008 Class
Mean Science GPA	3.66
Undergraduate Majors	52% Biological Sciences 16% Physical Sciences 9% Social Sciences 23% Humanities and Other Majors
Gender	48% Female 52 % Male

Entering 2010 Class Anticipated Class Size: 196

Nondiscrimination Policy

Georgetown University admits qualified students of any age, gender, race, disability, religion, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, family responsibility, matriculation, place of residence, personal appearance, veteran status, or irrelevant physical or mental disability in the administration of its education or admissions policies, scholarship, or loan programs, and athletic or other programs administered by the school.

Georgetown University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. The University is committed to the maintenance of affirmative action programs that will ensure the continuation of equality of opportunity. Sexual harassment is an act of discrimination and, as such, will not be tolerated. Inquiries regarding this matter may be addressed to the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Affirmative Action, M36 Darnell, Georgetown University, Box 571096, Washington, DC 20057-1096, (202) 687-4798.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Pre-requisite Courses and Course Hours

Academic requirements for admissions to the School of Medicine include adequate preparation in physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and English. **No application will be considered unless the applicant has completed 90 credit hours of course work at the time of application. Only the last 6-8 hours of the required courses may be taken in the year prior to matriculation.**

The following courses are required:

Required Course	Laboratory Required	Length
Inorganic Chemistry	Yes	1 academic year
Organic Chemistry	Yes	1 academic year
Biology	Yes	1 academic year
Physics	Yes	1 academic year
Mathematics (college level)*	-	1 semester
English (college level)**	-	1 academic year

**Calculus is not required and statistics is accepted to fulfill the mathematics requirement.*

***Writing Intensive Courses in any subject may substitute for the English Courses*

The Committee on Admissions strongly recommends candidates take a biochemistry course, which can be substituted for the second semester of organic chemistry.

Advanced placement (AP) courses may fulfill the course requirements if the credits appear on the applicant's college or university transcript. Applicants who were exempted from undergraduate English or math courses without credit may petition the Committee on Admissions in writing to waive the required credit hours.

Questions regarding the eligibility of specific courses for meeting these requirements should be addressed to the Office of Admissions.

Courses in microbiology, computer science, cellular physiology, genetics, embryology, biostatistics, quantitative analysis, and physical chemistry, while not required, are useful in providing some of the essential skills and knowledge required for a medical education.

Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) is required. The American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) will transmit the scores to the School of Medicine with your application. To be considered for the 2010 entering Class, you must sit for the MCAT no later than September 2009. For the 2010 entering Class, the Committee on Admissions will consider MCAT scores from 2007, 2008, or 2009. No other scores are eligible. If you indicate that you plan to take an MCAT following the submission of your

AMCAS application, no review will be initiated until the scores are received from AMCAS. Applicants with pending MCAT scores are encouraged to submit the Secondary Application and letter(s) of recommendation in a timely manner to ensure that the application is ready for review upon our receipt of the scores.

The Committee on Admissions will not reconsider an application based on the release of the subsequent MCAT scores.

Letters of Recommendation

The Committee on Admissions requires a signed appraisal of your character and ability from your premedical advisor or premedical committee, **OR** you must submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from your science professors. Applicants may elect to submit additional letters with a maximum of five (including the required letters).

Graduate students working toward a degree in the sciences are encouraged to submit an evaluation from a member of the graduate faculty.

Applicants who have been away from degree-granting academic programs for greater than three years may elect to submit letters from individuals other than professors.

Applicants are required to submit all letters of recommendation through the AMCAS Letters System, which then electronically forwards the letters to the participating medical schools. For full information, please see the AMCAS application site at www.amcas.org.

All letters of recommendation MUST come through the AMCAS letters system. All paper letters received in the Admissions Office will be discarded.

Letters of Recommendation will be considered complete when all of the letters in the AMCAS System are marked as complete. If you submit additional letters after the fact, they will be included in the review of your file **ONLY** if your file has not been reviewed. If you know additional letters will be coming, please inform the Office of Admissions by e-mail as soon as you know and add them to the AMCAS System of Letters.

Academic Degree

All applicants to Georgetown University School of Medicine are required to be in possession of a bachelor's degree (or foreign equivalent) prior to matriculation.

Applicants do **NOT** need to have obtained the degree prior to application.

DC Health Law

All students attending school in the District of Columbia are required by DC Law 3-20 to present evidence of immunization against the following diseases: poliomyelitis, measles, rubella (German measles), diphtheria, mumps, and tetanus. Students must also be skin-tested for tuberculosis.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants are expected to become familiar with and observe the application procedures of Georgetown University School of Medicine. All documents submitted become the property of the School of Medicine and are not returned or forwarded to third parties. Application materials for applicants who are not accepted are not retained for future applications. Applicants who applied in previous years and who wish to use the same credentials must have them re-submitted.

Georgetown University School of Medicine reserves the right to pursue any questions regarding academic records and/or transcripts, or issues of concern raised during application review.

AMCAS Application

Georgetown University School of Medicine receives verified applications from the American Medical Application Service (AMCAS) for applicants applying to our school. Our Secondary Application is furnished to each applicant upon our receipt of a verified AMCAS application. If you choose to further pursue application to our school, please submit the Secondary Application along with the required essay and non-refundable \$130 application fee.

Academic Record and Transcripts

The Committee on Admissions will review your coursework as verified by AMCAS in the Academic Record section of the AMCAS application. You must indicate all attempted courses as required by AMCAS.

For purposes of review, the Committee on Admissions requires that official transcripts be submitted directly to the school **only for academic work completed at foreign institutions not verified by AMCAS**. Transcripts are not required for foreign study undertaken through US or Canadian institutions (such as semester abroad programs) for which grades are recorded by the student's home institution and verified by AMCAS.

Unless specifically requested by the Committee on Admissions, **other transcripts are NOT required for consideration** at any time during the review process and should NOT be submitted. Applicants who wish to inform the Committee of additional grades or courses should do so by email or letter.

Applicant Contact Information

The School of Medicine will use the preferred email and mailing address filed with AMCAS for all correspondence. Changes to your email and/or mailing address must be made through your online AMCAS application.

To ensure that communications from the School of Medicine are received, it is important that applicants maintain current preferred email and mailing addresses in the online AMCAS application at all times, including holiday periods and for address changes over the summer.

Secondary Application and Essay

The Secondary Application must be completed and submitted with the required Georgetown University School of Medicine essay, no later than 11:59 pm, PT, January 5, 2010.

Deadline

The Secondary Application, essay, and application fee must be submitted not later than 11:59 pm, PT, January 5, 2009. All recommendation letters must be uploaded in the AMCAS system no later than 11:59 pm, PT, January 5, 2009. The Committee on Admissions will not consider required documents received after the deadline.

The Committee on Admissions will discard the application of any candidate who fails to submit a secondary application or submit all of the required credentials by the January 5, 2010 deadline. The School of Medicine assumes no obligation to inform the applicant regarding erroneous or incomplete credentials. Credentials submitted become the property of the School of Medicine and are not returned.

Please note: **Many academic offices are closed during the Winter Break and holiday period during which our deadline falls.** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that letters of recommendation are received prior to the January 5 deadline. Please take holiday schedules into account when arranging for materials to be transmitted.

Changes to the Secondary Application

Changes and amendments to the Secondary Application may be made by email or letter to the Office of Admissions. Please include your legal name and AAMC ID number in all correspondence.

Application Fee and Fee Waivers

Along with the secondary application, a non-refundable application fee of \$130 is also required. It will appear as Online Application Services on credit-card bills.

Fee waivers are granted only to AMCAS FAP-approved applicants and the fee waiver **MUST** appear on the verified AMCAS application.

Completed Applications

When your application is complete (all of the required credentials have been received), you will be notified by email.

Due to the volume of applications, we are unable to notify applicants of missing credentials. If you believe that more than three weeks have passed since credentials were submitted to complete your application, and you have not received notification from us, you are encouraged to email or call to inquire about the status of your application.

Only completed applications are forwarded to the Committee on Admissions for review and interview consideration.

Applications will be reviewed **ONLY** once.

Special Policy for Students in One-Year Graduate Degree Programs

Any applicant pursuing a one (1) year graduate degree during the year of application may petition the Committee on Admissions not to review his or her file until completion of the first semester.

Petitions:

- Only applicants who are/will be enrolled in a degree-granting graduate program who have completed all of the prerequisite courses are eligible to apply.
 - Students enrolled in post-bacc programs are NOT eligible.
 - Students enrolled in the Special Master's Program in Physiology at Georgetown University are NOT covered under this policy and must follow the policies of the SMP Program
- Eligible applicants must submit a petition via e-mail to the Office of Admissions by September 15 of the application year. Please include your full (legal) name, AMCAS ID, the graduate program, and a contact (advisor or dean) at the graduate program
- The petition **MUST** be approved prior to the submission of the secondary application.

Approved Petitions:

- Applicants **MUST** complete the entire application by the regular application deadline (secondary application, letters of recommendation, etc.)
- An **OFFICIAL** Transcript containing first semester grades must be received by the Office of Admissions by Close of Business, January 15, 2010. An official transcript is one mailed directly from the Registrar of the graduate program to the Office of Admissions. Transcripts or transcript envelopes that are marked "Issued to Student", "Unofficial Transcript", or other similar notations will not be accepted.
- Applicants may submit an additional letter of recommendation from the graduate program advisor or dean. This letter must be submitted in hard-copy with an original signature (faxes are not permitted) directly to Georgetown University School of Medicine and must be received by Close of Business, January 15, 2010. This letter does **NOT** count towards the required letters.
- Applicants will be forwarded to the Committee on Admissions on January 18, 2010 and files will be reviewed with the materials in them at that time.

Review of Applications

Review of Applications

The Committee on Admissions comprehensively reviews all completed applications.

The initial review of an individual application takes between two (2) and eight (8) weeks, with most applications taking six (6) to eight (8) weeks. While our application turnaround time may be less than other medical schools, our Committee on Admissions believes that it is in the best interest of each applicant to know the decision on his or her application as soon as possible after that decision is rendered. The recent introduction of the web-based secondary application has created a large number of completed applications to arrive during our peak time: August-September. Therefore, files that arrive near the end of this peak period may take up to ten (10) weeks to review.

When evaluating a file for interview, the Committee on Admissions examines the entire file and looks at five major areas:

1. Essays – both AMCAS and Georgetown Secondary
2. Experiences – esp. Medical Service and Leadership
3. MCAT Scores
4. GPA, with an emphasis on the Science GPA
5. Letters of Recommendation

There are no absolute numeric cutoffs and the entire file is read prior to rendering a decision.

The Committee on Admissions does not release their deliberations. Therefore, the Office of Admissions Staff is unable to discuss the reasons for a negative decision.

Re-applicants

The files of applicants to the Regular MD Program whose applications were reviewed by the Committee on Admissions in a previous application cycle are reviewed in their entirety, with a focus on new information.

Applicants whose files were never reviewed by the Committee on Admissions because the applicant failed to complete the file or voluntarily withdrew prior to an initial review will be treated as new applicants.

Notification and Decisions

The Office of Admissions uses the Preferred Contact Information in the AMCAS System (e-mail, postal mail, and phone numbers) to communicate with applicants during the review process. Applicants are responsible for keeping all of this information current during the application cycle.

The Committee on Admissions will release all decisions via e-mail to the preferred e-mail address in the AMCAS System. Applicants are not informed of any final decision by telephone.

All applicants completing an application will be notified as to whether or not they will be invited to interview.

Following an interview, applicants are notified of decisions of the Committee on Admissions after October 15 as decisions are rendered. Due to the high volume of applications to our school, it may take eight weeks following an interview for the Committee to reach a decision on an individual application.

Interviews

Interviews are conducted at the School of Medicine and are by invitation only.

Applicants are required to respond within two weeks to our invitation for a medical school interview. When an applicant cannot appear for a previously scheduled interview, **the applicant is expected to notify the school of the cancellation of the appointment.** The cancellation should be made by telephone, followed by an email or letter of withdrawal. The Office of Admissions permits applicants to reschedule an interview appointment only once.

Applicants who are invited for an interview are asked to submit a picture. Applicants are asked to NOT submit a photo unless they are invited for an interview. Please read the photo guidelines contained in the interview invitation.

Any non-US citizen invited for interview who has declared Permanent Resident status on the AMCAS application must present a USCIS Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) at the time of interview at the School of Medicine.

Financial Aid

Interviewed applicants in need of financial aid must initiate the steps necessary to determine their eligibility as early as possible, but no later than April 15. This includes ALL applicants, even if a final decision has not been rendered on an application. This includes filing the appropriate “needs and analysis” forms, available in February, and encouraging their parents (if required) to file their income tax returns early. In order to meet this deadline, the Office of Student Financial Planning suggests that the FAFSA be filed by March 1.

The Office of Student Financial Planning can be reached at 202-687-1693 or at <http://som.georgetown.edu/studentservices/financialaid/home/>. Also, please see the section in this guide on Financial Information.

Select Pool Applicants

The Select Pool is our unranked waitlist. Applicants placed in this pool may submit additional information, including letters of recommendation. Please submit letters of recommendation via hard-copy directly to the Office of Admissions. These are the ONLY letters that are not to be submitted via the AMCAS System.

Accepted Applicants

Accepted candidates are required to return the acknowledgement form that is included with the acceptance letter to the Office of Admissions within three weeks, stating their intention to attend Georgetown University School of Medicine. In addition, a \$100 deposit must be submitted prior to March 16 to hold a place in the Class. (Applicants accepted after March 16 must submit this deposit within three weeks of the notification of acceptance.) The deposit will be credited to tuition payments and is refundable until May 15. A tuition prepayment of \$900 is due on June 2. For acceptances offered after June 1, a \$1,000 payment (\$100 deposit and \$900 tuition prepayment) must be submitted within the timeframe specified at the time of acceptance. The \$900 prepayment is refundable, if requested in writing at the time of withdrawal, prior to July 1. **Any applicant who fails to make these payments within the time specified will forfeit his/her place in the class.**

Accepted applicants are required to furnish an official final transcript(s) prior to matriculation. Official transcripts come directly from the College or University and are NOT stamped "Released to Student" or other similar language.

The Committee on Admissions considers requests for one (1) or two (2) year deferrals from accepted applicants. Please contact the Office of Admissions for information on the deferral. No deferrals will be considered by the Committee on Admissions after June 1 unless the accept was issued after May 15.

Criminal Background Check

Many hospitals and healthcare providers have policies requiring background investigations for employees and others who work at their facilities. Georgetown University's clinical partner, MedStar Health, Inc., has an obligation to protect the health, welfare and safety of patients and others at Georgetown University Hospital and its affiliated hospitals, clinics and other facilities where School of Medicine students train. The University and the School of Medicine share this obligation. In keeping with the policies of affiliated healthcare providers and the School's own responsibilities, all students accepted to the School of Medicine WILL BE REQUIRED to undergo a criminal background check as a condition of matriculation. The cost of this matriculation background check is included in the application fee. Please see the attached policy on Criminal Background Checks for full information.

Current Medical Students may be required to undergo additional background checks during their course of studies. The cost of these background checks, whether mandated by the School of Medicine or by a healthcare provider that serves as a clinical training site, will be the student's responsibility.

Applicants to the School of Medicine are required to acknowledge any felony conviction, misdemeanor conviction, and military discharge on the AMCAS Application. Any discrepancy between the information reported during the application process and information uncovered during a background check while a student at the School of Medicine, as well as any new criminal activity uncovered during a background check, may be grounds for dismissal from the School of Medicine.

Withdrawal of Application

Applicants who wish to withdraw from the application process must notify the Office of Admissions in writing. Please include legal name and AAMC ID number. Send notification of withdrawal to medicaladmissions@georgetown.edu.

Applicants who have made a final decision as to which medical school they plan to attend have the obligation to promptly withdraw their applications from all other schools.

DUAL-DEGREE AND RESEARCH TRACK PROGRAMS (MD/PhD, MD/MS, MD-MBA, MD/MALS)

Georgetown University School of Medicine sponsors dual-degree programs (MD/PhD and MD/MS) and a research track opportunity with the Biomedical Graduate Education Program. In addition, Georgetown University School of Medicine co-sponsors an MD-MBA program with the McDonough School of Business.

MD/PhD Program

Georgetown University School of Medicine sponsors a dual-degree MD/PhD Program to give exceptionally talented students the opportunity to earn both an MD degree and PhD degree in a basic medical science, an interdisciplinary medical science, or Bioethics.

MD/PhD Programs

- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Cell Biology
- Microbiology & Immunology
- Neuroscience
- Pharmacology
- Philosophy/Bioethics
- Physiology & Biophysics
- Tumor Biology

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applicants applying to the MD/PhD Program **MUST** submit both an MD and a PhD Application (two applications) by the deadlines specified in the Application Calendar and Deadlines. Please note that these deadlines are earlier than for either the MD Program or the PhD Program alone.

APPLICATION PREREQUISITES: In addition to those identified by the School of Medicine, prerequisites for admission to the MD/PhD Program include:

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
- MCAT Scores of 10 or above in each subject area
- Previous research experience
- Publications (preferred)
- United States Citizenship or Status as a Permanent Resident
- Applicants to the Department of Philosophy's program in Bioethics are also required to submit scores from the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

If at any point you no longer wish to be considered for the dual-degree program, please inform both the MD Program and the PhD Program. If you choose to be considered for just the MD Program, you will be subject only to the deadlines and application requirements of the School of Medicine.

Acceptances are offered independently by each school and are not contingent upon acceptance to the dual-degree program.

Full Information <http://biomedgrad.georgetown.edu/MPhD/index.html>

Applications and additional information about this program may be requested from:

W. Taylor Johnson
Administrative Director, Biomedical Graduate Education
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Box 571411
Washington, DC 20057-1411
202-687-1379
202-687-2359 (fax)
Johnsonw@georgetown.edu
<http://biomedgrad.georgetown.edu>

Research Track

Georgetown University also offers a five-year research track, which provides research-oriented medical students the opportunity to complete an intensive 12-month research period between the second and third years of the standard medical curriculum. During this period students do not pay tuition and are may be provided with stipend support.

Research track students begin research rotations the summer prior to matriculation and after the first year. These rotations are viewed as an important component of the programs designed to provide a foundation for the primary research period. Supplementary coursework is offered to enhance the research experience and will include biostatistics, experiment design, bioethics, animal care and use, and environmental health and safety issues in the laboratory. Students successfully completing this program will graduate from the school with Honors in Research.

Full Information: <http://biomedgrad.georgetown.edu/mdphd/restrack.index.html>

Applications and additional information about this program may be requested from:

W. Taylor Johnson
Administrative Director, Biomedical Graduate Education
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Box 571411
Washington, DC 20057-1411
202-687-1379
202-687-2359 (fax)
Johnsonw@georgetown.edu
<http://biomedgrad.georgetown.edu>

MD/MS Dual-Degree Programs

Applicants to the five-year MD/MS dual-degree programs must also submit an application to the University Graduate School (<http://grad.georgetown.edu>). Applications accepted to either dual-degree program will be granted a one-year deferment from the

School of Medicine to fulfill the MS requirements. Acceptances are offered independently by each school and are not contingent upon acceptance to the dual-degree program.

Programs:

- M.S. in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM)
<http://camprogram.georgetown.edu>
- M.S. in Biohazardous Threat Agents and Emerging Infectious Diseases
<http://microbiology.georgetown.edu/masters/biohaz/>

For more information, please contact each program directly.

MD-MBA Program

Candidates interested in the five-year dual MD-MBA program are required to file an application with the School of Medicine for the MD program and an application with the School of Business for the MBA program. All applications will be required to satisfy the appropriate admissions requirements for both the MD and MBA programs, including scores from the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). For MBA application information, please call 202-687-4200. Information is also available at <http://mba.georgetown.edu>. Acceptances are offered independently by each school and are not contingent upon acceptance to the dual-degree program.

MD/MALS Program

The School of Medicine in concert with the School of Continuing Studies offers a course of study to current medical students, leading to an MD/MALS. The Liberal Studies Degree Program offers broadly based courses in the humanities and social sciences. Information is available at <http://scs.georgetown.edu>. Applicants must file separate applications to each school. Acceptances are offered independently by each school and are not contingent upon acceptance to the dual-degree program.

INFORMATION FOR MINORITIES

Questions about programs and opportunities for qualified minority applicants should be addressed to:

Dean Joy Williams
Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Special Programs
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Box 571423
Washington, DC 20057-1423
(202) 687-1645

The Georgetown Experimental Medical Studies Program (GEMS) is a one-year post-baccalaureate experience for students from disadvantaged backgrounds whose life experiences suggest they are likely to make a significant and culturally competent contribution to meeting the needs of the nation's minority, disadvantaged and underserved populations. Consideration is given to qualified applicants to the GEMS Program whose disadvantaged circumstances have contributed to modest academic credentials. Students admitted to the GEMS Program take a portion of the first year medical curriculum. If the GEMS academic requirements are completed satisfactorily, GEMS students may apply for, but are not guaranteed admission to the first-year class the following year. Thereafter they follow the regular medical curriculum. For more information, write or telephone Mrs. Williams at the address and phone number above.

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) has established a campaign to increase diversity in medicine. Information is available at <http://www.aspiringdocs.org>

EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The School of Medicine offers early acceptances to a few undergraduates enrolled in Georgetown University after their second year of college. These candidates then complete the remaining two years of undergraduate education according to curriculum approved by the respective school/college pre-medical committee and the Committee on Admissions of the School of Medicine. The MCAT is not required.

Candidates are encouraged to pursue an adventuresome approach to their education during the third and fourth years of college and to undertake challenging programs of learning. Georgetown undergraduates interested in participating in the Early Assurance Program must apply through their respective school/college. They should make known their interest to their respective dean's office in early January 2010.

ADVANCED STANDING

Georgetown University School of Medicine considers applications for advance standing (transfer) into the second and third year on a space available basis each year. An announcement is posted to the Office of Admissions web page by February 1, 2010. If there are slots available, an application and guidelines will be posted as well.

Please review the Advanced Standing Guidelines carefully to determine eligibility to apply.

The third year class begins in July.

The second year class begins in August.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition

Tuition and fees for the 2009 - 2010 academic year total \$46,177.00, and includes laboratory, University registration, yearbook, graduation, and recreation facility charges. Students will also incur expenses for books and supplies, as well as health and disability insurance, all of which are subject to change. Students can expect the total cost of attendance, including tuition, the expenses referenced above, and living expenses in the DC and surrounding area, to be approximately \$70,800.00.

Tuition payments are made in the Office of Student Accounts, 37th and O Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20057-1908. Billing statements are routinely sent by their office prior to the start of each semester. However, tuition payment dates are published in the academic calendar and all students are responsible for making tuition payments in a timely manner.

Students with tuition in arrears will not be permitted to begin a subsequent term and risk losing their seat in class. In addition, third- and fourth-year students with tuition in arrears may have their clerkship directors notified, thereby preventing the students from beginning their clerkships.

Credit Reports

Accepted applicants are required to furnish a recent (not more than three months old) official credit report prior to matriculation. Notification of this requirement will be furnished to each accepted applicant in the spring of 2010.

Credit reports are reviewed for the following issues of concern:

1. No history of delinquency on any federal debt and no federal liens.
2. No current bankruptcy, unpaid charge-off, foreclosure, repossession, garnishment, lien, or judgment.
3. No prior education loan default.
4. No paid collection accounts within the past 24 months
5. No more than one account 60- to 90-days delinquent within the past 24 months
6. No more than three accounts 30-days past due within the past 18 months
7. Must not have excessive recent credit inquiries.
8. Must not have balance over limit on credit cards.
9. Applicants whose credit reports include more than three 30- and/or 60-day late payments within the past 24 months will be required to provide an explanation to the Office of Student Financial Planning, and all accounts must be in current status prior to matriculation.

Credit reports should not be submitted prior to receiving instructions following an offer of acceptance from the School of Medicine.

Accepted applicants who are ineligible for education loans are required to submit certification of financial resources adequate to provide for the cost of attending Georgetown University School of Medicine. The Certification of Finances form will be furnished to accepted applicants in the spring of 2010. Supporting documentation must accompany the form.

Accepted applicants who are not citizens of the United States must submit the Georgetown University Immigration Questionnaire (Student Financial Certification Form) to the Office of International Student Services. The form will be furnished to accepted applicants in the spring of 2010. With certain exceptions, non-immigrants applying for admission to the United States must hold valid entry visas. F-1 visas are for individuals intending to enter the United States for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study.

In conjunction with the submission of the Questionnaire, U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulations require Georgetown University to obtain certification that applicants requesting F-1 visas have adequate financial resources to provide for their expenses without resorting to unauthorized employment. Supporting documentation must accompany the form.

Financial Responsibility

Students at the School of Medicine are expected to meet their financial obligations in a timely way and in accordance with the payment dates published in the academic calendar. Students may not be allowed to matriculate or to register for a subsequent semester unless all prior financial obligations to the University or other institutions of higher learning have been paid.

In addition, the University will not issue a degree, transcript of grades, or grade report for any student whose obligations to the School of Medicine have not been discharged. Students who do not meet their institutional financial obligations in a timely manner are subject to withdrawal from the school. A detailed description of Georgetown University School of Medicine's refund policy is included in the "Georgetown Prospectus." More specific information relating to financial aid may be found at <http://som.georgetown.edu/studentservices/financialaid/home/>

Financial Assistance

The cost of financing a medical school education at Georgetown is significant. Applicants are well advised to pursue alternative sources of funding before applying for financial assistance. These include seeking financial support from outside the University (outside grants, scholarships, and loans), support from parents and other family members, and service scholarships such as the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program or the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Each year, approximately 86 percent of the student body pursues some type of financial assistance other than family support. The majority of this financial assistance comes in the form of education loans. Most students borrow from a variety of loan programs to finance their medical education. This includes maximum borrowing of \$42,722 from the

Federal Stafford Loan, plus supplemental borrowing through the Federal Graduate PLUS Loan Program or alternative student loans. As all graduate and professional students are considered independent by the federal government, students may apply for these loans without financial information from their parents as part of their application. However, eligibility for both the Federal Graduate PLUS and alternative student loan programs is determined, in part, by a borrower's credit history. All incoming applicants who apply for financial aid are expected to submit a copy of a recent personal credit history to the Office of Student Financial Planning as part of their financial aid application.

The average loan indebtedness of the Class of 2008 was approximately \$167,000. This figure does not include any debt incurred prior to medical school. The education debt incurred is obviously substantial and applicants are well advised to discuss any concerns regarding their borrowing with the Office of Student Financial Planning well in advance of matriculation.

Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid, which is both awarded by and administered through the School of Medicine. This assistance includes grants, scholarships, and low-interest loans. Eligibility for these awards is based on financial need as determined by a review of both the student's (and spouse's, as applicable) and parent's resources. Applications must be received by April 15, to be considered for the following academic year.

As members of the Georgetown community, students are expected to demonstrate fiscal responsibility, as their actions can impact on the availability of financial aid for other students at the School of Medicine. Financing a medical school education should be viewed as a serious and long-term financial commitment. It should also be viewed in most cases as a sound and wise financial investment. Students with questions regarding financial assistance are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Financial Planning, at Georgetown University School of Medicine, Office of Student Financial Planning, Box 571424, Washington, DC 20057-1424; (202) 687-1693.

ACCREDITATION

Georgetown University School of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

DISCLAIMER

This guide is published for prospective students of Georgetown University School of Medicine. The School of Medicine reserves the right to alter the contents of this Guide and any policies described herein. Any such alterations apply to new and current students at the time the alteration is put into effect. The "Guide to Application" is not a contract, or an offer to contract.

While making every effort to contain costs, the School of Medicine specifically reserves the right to increase tuition or other fees without prior notice. Georgetown University and the School of Medicine further reserve the right to alter the requirements regarding admission, to change the arrangement of courses, the requirements for graduation or degrees, and to modify all other policies applicable to its students. Such changes could affect current and new students, and would become effective whenever determined by the School of Medicine or another appropriate University component.

Students are responsible for staying informed about, and complying with the policies, regulations and requirements set forth in this Guide, as well as those in the School of Medicine's "Student Handbook," the "Prospectus," the "Financial Aid Guide," and any other University policies or rules that may apply.

STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT and CAMPUS SECURITY ACT

In compliance with the Student-Right-to-Know Act, it is the policy of Georgetown University to make readily available information concerning the completion or graduation rate of all certificate or degree-seeking, full-time undergraduate students entering the University, as well as the average completion or graduation rate of students who have received athletically-related student aid. This information is available upon request from the Director, Department of Athletics, McDonough Gym, Georgetown University, Box 571121, Washington, DC 20057-1121, (202) 687-2435.

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires that the University prepare information on current campus law enforcement policies, crime prevention programs, and campus security statistics. The Annual Report is available upon request from the Director, Department of Public Safety, 116 Village C, Georgetown University, Box 571120, Washington, DC 20057-1120, (202) 687-4343 or at www.georgetown.edu/student-affairs/dps/Security_Report.htm.