

# Medical Scientist Training Program

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**Faculty:** <https://medicine.uiowa.edu/mstp/directories/current-mentors>

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## Admission

Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to the MD program in the Carver College of Medicine; see Admission in the Doctor of Medicine section of the catalog. They also must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Applicants should have completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree at an accredited academic institution. In addition to outstanding academic credentials, including strength in biological, physical, and mathematical sciences, they must demonstrate aptitude for and commitment to scientific research through productive research experience during their undergraduate years or after. Admission normally is made for entry to the first year of the program, but applicants already enrolled in the Carver College of Medicine may request admission with advanced standing.

## Application

The Carver College of Medicine participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). Program applicants should select MD/PhD Program-Type on their AMCAS application and instruct AMCAS to forward their credentials to the Carver College of Medicine (IA131). Applications should be submitted as early as possible to allow careful review by the admissions committees of the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) and the Carver College of Medicine.

All candidates must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), according to Carver College of Medicine requirements. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test is not required for admission.

Application to the Graduate College is not required before acceptance to the MSTP. Trainees admitted to the program receive assistance with Graduate College enrollment.