

MEDICAL SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

MD/PHD PROGRAM STUDENT FINANCIAL BENEFITS

Students are fully funded for their entire tenure in the MD/PhD Program. Specific items that are covered include:

- Tuition (for academic year 2021-2022, is \$64,000 for medical students and \$58,176 for graduate students)
- Stipend throughout both medical and graduate school. The stipend level for academic year 2021-2022 is \$30,761. The University is committed to maintaining a competitive stipend for its students, so this amount will likely increase in future years.
- Health Fees, Infection Control and Disability Insurance. We will cover health fees for all MSTP students. For family insurance, you have the option of choosing the University health insurance but will be responsible for the cost. Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus available through Healthy New York, are available for minor dependents and spouses respectively. Both provide excellent coverage and are typically cheaper than the University-provided insurance. You will not be reimbursed for this, but the coverage is quite good and worth the expense. For more information on student healthcare, please visit the University Health Services (UHS) website: <http://www.rochester.edu/uhs/primary-care/services-for-full-time-students/>

Importantly, Student Activity and Service Fees (approximately \$1,400 in the first year of medical school, \$310 in the second year of medical school, \$575 in the third year of medical school, \$1,000 in the fourth year of medical school, and varied in graduate school years; subject to modest change) are NOT covered by the program and must be paid by the MD/PhD student.

AAMC TRAFFIC RULES FOR MSTP APPLICANTS

The AAMC (American Association of Medical Colleges) mandates that all MSTP applicants must not hold more than one acceptance after April 30. See the website below for more specific information:

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/applying-medical-school-process/>

ADDITIONAL MSTP SUPPORT

The MD/PhD Program is dedicated to providing opportunities that support the development of physician-scientists. In addition to medical and graduate school activities and local MD/PhD venues, our students are encouraged and supported to participate in national forums. Specific activities and benefits providing community for MD/PhD students include:

- A faculty-facilitated research presentation and journal club specifically designed for first and second-year students called “Scientific Reasoning in Medicine” that is held several times each semester, which offers each student elective credit towards their medical school degree
- Monthly gatherings to discuss science and careers with local faculty and invited lecturers. These may take the form of a reception/dinner for a prominent speaker, a round-table discussion, or a purely social gathering.
- A yearly retreat to share research and welcome new students.
- Travel support for students to attend the National MD/PhD Program Student Meeting and APSA (American Physician-Scientist Association) Meeting.
- Travel/Research Fund of \$2400/student (8 years at \$300 per year). This can be used for traveling to other conferences that might not be typically covered by graduate funds (e.g. conferences with a strong clinical flair; conferences attended outside of graduate years), as well as purchase of research-related equipment.
- Participation in the annual Tri-Institutional Conference, rotating locations every 3 years between MD/PhD Programs at the University of Rochester, SUNY Upstate Medical University, and the University at Buffalo.
- Support for participation in other special courses and/or events.

Please go to the MSTP website for additional information, particularly on specific curriculum requirements for each graduate program which is in the MSTP handbook: <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/md/md-phd/>