



Medical Scholars Program
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What do I need to know and do about the MSP application process?

1. Do your homework.

- a. Know what is expected. Information about MSP admissions can be found at <https://www.med.uiuc.edu/msp/Admissions.asp>.
- b. Make sure you meet the pre-reqs for admission at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago <http://www.med.uiuc.edu/msp/pdf/ComRequire.pdf>.
- c. Keep track of deadlines!

Important deadlines to know for MSP Admissions:

- (1) **December 31st** to submit AMCAS application to the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago (school code #128). You must check MD/PhD or dual degree box on the AMCAS application.
- (2) **December 31st** to submit MSP on-line application at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign. <https://www.med.uiuc.edu/msp/application/welcome.asp>
- (3) **January 15th** to return secondary (or supplemental) application to University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago. You should receive an invitation to complete the secondary application via e-mail.

Please note: In order to be accepted by MSP, you must be accepted by a graduate department(s), the MSP, and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago. Decisions are made concurrently yet made independently of one another. Therefore, it is imperative that you submit all required admissions materials by the deadlines. Your application to the Medical Scholars Program in no way hinders your application to the College of Medicine and the decision on your application to the College of Medicine is made separately from the decisions made by the Medical Scholars Program.

2. Be organized.

- a. Create a file for each school to which you apply.
- b. Keep copies of everything you submit to each school.
- c. Make sure to keep track of deadlines on a calendar or in an organizer that works for you.

3. Take the MCAT.

- a. Ideally, take the MCAT during your junior year.
- b. August after junior year will also work, but may delay consideration of your application.

4. Take other standardized tests, if necessary (GRE, LSAT, GMAT)

Make sure you check in with the departments to which you will apply for testing requirements. Most departments waive the MCAT in lieu of the GRE, but not all.

5. Complete the AMCAS application. Deadline for University of Illinois College of Medicine is December 31st (for MD/PhD applicants).

Make sure to designate the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago (school code #128) on your AMCAS. To help you successfully complete the AMCAS.

- a. Update your CV or resume regularly.
- b. Edit personal statements.
- c. Submit official transcripts.

6. Submit your MSP on-line application and supplemental materials by December 31st.

Here is the link to the MSP on-line application: <https://www-s.med.uiuc.edu/msp/application/welcome.asp>. You must also submit to the MSP all official transcripts, at least three letters of recommendation, unofficial copy of MCAT and/or other standardized test scores.

7. Request letters of recommendation.

Here is a helpful link to how to request letters of recommendation:

<http://www.med.uiuc.edu/msp/fMRI/LettersRec.html>.

8. Complete and submit the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago secondary or supplemental application by Jan. 15th.

- a. You should receive this via e-mail from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. (This is separate from the MSP on-line application). If you do not receive a supplemental application, please contact the MSP Assistant Dean.
- b. Edit essays.
- c. Provide all requested supplemental materials to the admissions office at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

9. Respond promptly to an invitation to interview.

10. Prepare for your interview day.

11. Await the results in peace!

What makes you a better MSP candidate? What are we looking for?

1. Research (at least 1 year of research experience)
2. Strong GPA & MCAT
3. Excellent letters of recommendation (maturity, study skills, people skills, passion)
4. Strong application (AMCAS, essays)
5. Involvement & Leadership
6. Volunteer Clinical Experience
7. Solid preparation for the application and interview process

For more information about our MSP application and admissions process, please contact Amanda Cuevas, Medical Scholars Program Assistant Dean, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, either at acuevas@uiuc.edu or (217) 333-8146.

Visit our MSP website: <http://www.med.uiuc.edu/msp>