



# MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## MD / PhD

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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### **Policies for MSP Students Transferring to Chicago, Peoria or Rockford to Complete the MD**

MSP students who will not be able to finish both the PhD and the M1 curriculum in Urbana by summer 2019 must complete the medical portion of MD/PhD training at one of the other University of Illinois College of Medicine campuses (Chicago, Peoria or Rockford). MD/PhD students may transfer sites as early as Fall 2017. The policies regarding such transfers are as follows.

1) At the discretion of the graduate program, students can take M1 classes in Urbana to offset PhD requirements, but these courses will not count toward completion of the medical curriculum. Rather, the student will fulfill all the requirements for completion of the MD at the destination campus.

2) Students must complete the PhD and defend their thesis before the start of M1 at the destination campus. Students are encouraged to deposit the thesis as soon as possible following the defense, but depositing the thesis and formal UIUC graduation can occur after the start of M1.

3) According to UIUC Graduate College policies, students are expected to finish the PhD within seven years of matriculation. Students who plan to complete their MD at a different campus will be subject to this seven year policy to complete the PhD, rather than the ten year policy that applies to MD/PhD students who complete both degrees jointly on the Urbana campus.

Once they begin M1 at the destination campus, students will be subject to the College of Medicine Promotion Policies including the Time Limit Policy for completion of the MD degree.

4) All MD/PhD students will continue to receive financial support in the Medical Scholars Program as long as they remain in good academic standing in both the graduate program and the College of Medicine, and are making satisfactory progress toward both degrees. The financial support will come from the graduate program during the PhD years. The MSP will then provide four years of support to cover the M1 through M4 years at the destination campus. Financial support will include a stipend of at least \$28,000 per year, a full tuition waiver, and a partial student fee waiver. Financial support is limited to four years at full-time status and excludes any leaves of absence or other delays or extensions in completion of the medical curriculum.

5) To the extent that Chicago, Peoria or Rockford campus policies or procedures may differ from those of the Urbana campus, the destination COM site academic policies will apply while in medical school. Clerkship credit given to MD/PhD students for completion of the PhD will be granted according to UIC MSTP policy.

6) Students must confirm their intention to transfer and enroll in medical school classes by January 15 of the year they will start medical school coursework.

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