



Frequently Asked Questions

Medical Scholars Program

What standardized test scores are accepted for admission?

For the Medical Scholars Program, we accept either the MCAT or GRE. We can accept the DAT if the student can provide some explanation for the change in interest from dental to medical school.

Is there a minimum GPA and MCAT (or GRE) score required for admission into SGS's medical scholar program?

No. Applicants are admitted based on the overall strength of the application.

If I am accepted into medical school, do I need to complete the master's program before matriculating into medical school?

Medical schools differ on this requirement, so you should check with the admissions office of the school(s) you are interested in attending. NJMS, like many schools, does not require you to complete the master's program before matriculating.

If I am admitted to medical school before completion of the Medical Scholars Program, can I get the master's degree while in medical school?

Yes, as long as the medical school will allow you to matriculate before you have completed the degree (NJMS, like many schools, does). The GSBS allows you to transfer a maximum of 6 credits from another graduate school (medical, dental, another graduate school) to meet the 30 credits required to graduate at GSBS. Thus, you could finish 24 (or more) credits at GSBS and then transfer up to 6 "graduate" credits from another program. Note: you must earn a grade of B or better in courses requested for transfer.

What is the best time to apply to medical school?

The best time to apply is when your academic credentials (including shadowing and service hours), are enough to make your application competitive. AMCAS opens applications the first week of June. However, early application without competitive credentials will not get you an invitation for interview.

How many students from the School of Graduate Studies Medical Scholars Program get admitted to medical schools?

From an informal count of students we know applied to medical school, a minimum of 50% of them were accepted into one or more medical schools. Our alumni have also pursued an education in PA school, Pharmacy school, Ph.D. programs, and other health-related professions.