

# GRADUATE STUDIES 2021/22 INFORMATION SHEET

## MD/PhD

Through the MD/PhD Program you will receive training to become a clinician scientist and a leader in medical research and patient care. You will have the opportunity to train with leading scientists and integrate laboratory work with medical school, compressing the time to obtain two degrees in just seven years.

Mentorship is a vital component for your success in this program, and you will be matched with a faculty mentor who is a clinician scientist and/or a member of the MD/PhD Committee. You will also be paired with a senior MD/PhD student or a recent graduate.

Each year, only a few exceptional students with a passion for research and health care are admitted into the program.

## CAREERS

Graduates from our program have gone on to exciting careers as physicians and researchers including:

- Clinician Scientist, Rheumatologist, Rheumatology Centre, St. Joseph's Health Care London; Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University
- Clinician Scientist, Family Physician; Medical Director, Postnatal Wellness Clinic; Adjunct Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University
- Clinician Scientist, Dermatologist, Head of Dermatology Division, Department of Medicine, University of Ottawa
- Clinical Fellow, Radiation Oncology Program, Department of Oncology, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University
- Clinician Scientist, Urologist, University of Indiana
- Family Physician, Guelph, Ontario

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	MODEL ONE	MODEL TWO
<b>TIME TO COMPLETION</b>	21 Terms (7 years) – Full-time	21 Terms (7 years) – Full-time
<b>PROGRAM STRUCTURE</b>	Suggested for students with limited research experience and/or students from outside of Western University: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 years of undergraduate medical training</li> <li>• 3 years of research</li> <li>• Last 2 years of undergraduate medical training</li> </ul>	Suggested for students with research/training experience and/or students from Western University: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years of research</li> <li>• 4 years of undergraduate medical training</li> </ul>
<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must meet all admissions criteria of both the MD and the PhD programs. Students entering the MD/PhD program will have either an honours or master's degree</li> <li>• Qualified candidates are selected for interviews to get a sense of the general skills, personality and potential of the individual</li> <li>• Only Canadian citizens or those holding Canadian Permanent Resident status will be considered for admission</li> <li>• Candidates will be required to have completed all requirements for their graduate degrees prior to registration in the program</li> <li>• There is a separate application for the program aside from the application to OMSAS</li> </ul>	
<b>APPLICATION DEADLINES</b>	<b>December 1</b> – application deadline (different from application to be submitted to OMSAS)	
<b>FUNDING</b>	The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry will provide a scholarship for \$10,000 x 4yrs (total \$40,000) of medical tuition to offset the principal costs of the four-year undergraduate medical program. During the research phases of the combined program, students will receive a stipend in accordance with the PhD level for their respective graduate program.	

Candidates currently completing MS degree programs will be required to have completed all requirements for their graduate degrees prior to registration in the program. A student wishing to gain acceptance into the program needs to satisfy the admission requirements for both the MD program and the graduate program in their fields of study. The match-up of student with supervisor and project is tailored to each student. Preliminary explorations can be undertaken by candidates with prospective supervisors, and the MD/PhD committee can help to make the final decision. The recommendation for acceptance to the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is the responsibility of that committee.

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