

Downstate MD/PhD Program

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MD/PhD Leadership

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More information at <https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-graduate-studies/programs/md-phd.html>

Admissions process

- *Applicant pool is COM-1 class matriculated students (2024-present)*
 - *Formerly pool was seniors or grads from baccalaureate programs*
- *Application deadline Jan 1 of mid-COM-1 year*
- *Review AMCAS application, current performance in medical studies, one page personal statement, interview with Dean and two program directors*

MD/PhD Student Committee

- **Overall Chair - Shreya Desikan**
- Big-picture and long-term planning for the program and supervise the MD-PhD student committee.
- **Didactic Programming Chair - Gabby Giordano & Evan Davis**
- Oversee supervising the programming and execution for our monthly MD-PhD didactic seminars, as well as our longitudinal Clinical experiences during PhD years
- **Social and Recruitment Chair - Hunter Rice**
- Oversee social programming for current students to promote program cohesion and camaraderie and support recruitment efforts from COM while that application model is in place.
- **City Wide Programming Chair - Evan Davis**
- Responsible for coordinating Downstate's contribution to citywide annual MD-PhD events.

Expected timeline:

1st year of College of Medicine

Expectation/requirement

MD/PhD Application due by
January 1

Spring semester of COM

Application assessment and
interviews if selected

Summer between 1st and 2nd year

Hiring as a Graduate Assistant at base rate
and 1 rotation for 8 weeks

2nd year of College of Medicine

Leave from payroll while attending
COM including "Transition to Clerkships"

Spring/Summer after COM 2nd year

2nd Rotation if thesis lab is not yet
selected, or begin thesis lab project.
Return to payroll at standard rate.

Fall after COM 2nd year

Initial enrollment in School of Graduate Studies
with full tuition scholarship

3-4 years of enrollment

Progress towards PhD degree culminating in thesis defense

3rd and 4th years, COM

Completion of MD degree with full tuition scholarship (in-state rate, limited to 4 semesters), and Graduate Assistantship, and commencement awarding the combined MD/PhD



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