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THE MD-PHD PROGRAM IN MEDICINE, THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND AGING NATIONAL TRACK

Since 1985, the University of Chicago has offered students the opportunity to obtain an MD and a PhD in the social sciences or humanities through the MD-PhD Program in Medicine, the Social Sciences, and Humanities (MeSH).

A part of MeSH, the new **MD-PhD Program in Medicine, the Social Sciences, and Aging National Track** offers students who have been accepted into any medical school in the U.S. the opportunity to study aging and earn a PhD from any of the UChicago social science programs or professional schools listed below. Funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), the goal of the program is to train clinician-scholars to be leaders in providing clinical care to the aging population and in conducting groundbreaking research at the interface of aging, health, and the social sciences.

Eligibility

Prospective students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents to be eligible for the National Track.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2017

Prospective students must submit an application to the National Track Program at the Center for Health and the Social Sciences (CHeSS) as well as separate applications to any PhD programs of interest.

Learn more about the application process online at:
<http://chess.uchicago.edu/mesh>

Areas of Study

Students interested in the National Track must apply to one or more of the social science PhD programs listed below. National Track students must study the quantitative social sciences and demonstrate a commitment to the study of aging during the application process.

- Booth School of Business
- Comparative Human Development
- Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science
- Economics
- Harris School of Public Policy Studies
- Psychology
- Public Health Sciences
- School of Social Service Administration
- Sociology

Application and Training Timeline

Prospective students should apply to the National Track before their first, second, or third year of medical school. Students must apply separately and gain admissions to both the National Track, administered through the Center for Health and the Social Sciences (CHeSS), and any PhD programs of interest. Accepted students will work with their medical school, PhD program, and National Track faculty to develop a personalized training timeline that supports their success in both their doctoral and medical training.

Training and Resources for National Track Students

After a highly selective admissions process, all National Track students are integrated into the Center for Health and the Social Sciences (CHeSS), where they receive administrative support, access to aging-related coursework and workshops, and mentors. Consisting of 3-4 faculty members from across the University, mentorship teams provide ongoing support and advisement to students as they progress through both medical school and their respective PhD programs. Mentors provide National Track students unique opportunities to participate in a diverse set of ongoing research projects in aging, health services, and the social sciences, and guide students in the development of their own projects.

Funding

National Track students receive tuition and stipend support for their graduate training at UChicago. Funding from the National Institute of Aging (NIA) provides one year of tuition and stipend support for trainees during their PhD training, and each student's PhD program provides support for the remaining years of graduate training. The National Track does not provide any tuition assistance or financial support for medical school.

The MeSH Program at the Pritzker School of Medicine

Prospective students may also consider applying to the MD-PhD Program in Medicine, the Social Sciences, and Humanities (MeSH) at the Pritzker School of Medicine. Students must be accepted to the medical school and a PhD program at UChicago, but they may earn a PhD from any of the social science, humanities, or professional school programs.

Learn more about the MeSH Program at the Pritzker School of Medicine here: <http://pritzker.uchicago.edu>.



Pictured: current and former MD-PhD students in the social sciences

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