

# HOWARD UNIVERSITY

## B.S./M.D. PROGRAM

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE & DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

## 2+4 ACCELERATED MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Program Overview

The B.S./M.D. program Howard University is a partnership with the College of Arts & Sciences (COAS) and the Howard University College of Medicine (HUCM), which allows the student to complete the requirements for both B.S. and M.D. degrees in six years instead of the customary eight years.

Our two-phased approach recommends successful Phase I scholars to be admitted to the Howard University College of Medicine as part of the entering class of traditionally selected students. **Admission is not guaranteed and is contingent upon meeting eligibility and performance criteria and other requirements.**

This program is designed for freshmen students who are admitted to Howard University who would matriculate into the College of Arts and Sciences (Biology/Chemistry major) in the Fall semester immediately after graduation from high school. **Transfer students are not eligible for this program.**

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The information within this document does not constitute a contract. The right is reserved to modify requirements before or during matriculation.

### Financing Your Education

Our program does not provide financial assistance for program scholars. Information concerning freshmen scholarships, loans, and work study programs can be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid located in the Mordecai Wyatt Administration Building or visit: <https://www2.howard.edu/student-financial-services>

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All prospective students must have, at the time of their application:

- A high school GPA of 3.5
- An ACT score of 28 or higher OR SAT score of 1300 or higher (at least 650 in each section)

Have completed the following required courses:

- Two or more years of foreign language
- Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Mathematics: Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus

# APPLICATION PROCESS

## 01. STEP ONE

Apply to Howard University by the Regular Decision deadline (February 15th) as a Biology or Chemistry major. Via the Common App, check the box to indicate your interest in being considered for the B.S./M.D. program.

## 02. STEP TWO

Be admitted to Howard University and the College of Arts and Sciences as a Biology or Chemistry Major (only).

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## STEP THREE

In mid-May, the committee of the Center for Preprofessional Education will invite enrolled, qualified Biology/Chemistry accepted freshmen students to submit a secondary application for the B.S./M.D. program to include:

1. An essay demonstrating interest in Medicine and service to people who may be less privileged than yourself (500 words);
2. A copy of your resume detailing leadership, community, clinical experience, volunteer/service, and other extracurricular activities;
3. One (1) recommendation letter from a science or math teacher;
4. Two (2) professional recommendation letters: (1) from MD/Physician; (1) from community/volunteer supervisor, or research mentor.

*Note: Our program is by invitation only. Be sure to check your email regularly!*

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## STEP FOUR

The committee will invite a limited number of applicants for interview in June/July. Only selected students will be notified of their advancement, due to a high volume of interest in the program. The final decision for the Phase I of the B.S./M.D. program will be made in early August.

# PHASE ONE

# 1

(2 YEARS)

Admission to the College of Arts and Sciences (Phase I of the B.S./M.D. program) does not automatically secure a place for the student for Phase II.

B.S./M.D. students must fulfill the following benchmarks during Phase I, over the course of four (4) semesters and one (1) summer in the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences.

Included in the requirements are:

- Specific General Education requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences
- Prerequisites for the College of Medicine
- Clinical Experiences
- Volunteer Experiences
- Seminars & Workshops
- Independent study & group projects

Admission to the College of Medicine for Phase II of the program will be based on:

- Academic performance in the College of Arts and Sciences (minimum science GPA of 3.25; minimum overall GPA of 3.5; a strong interview, an official MCAT score of >504, AMCAS application, recommendation letters, volunteer/community services and other extracurricular activities.

# PHASE TWO

# 2

(4 YEARS)

Required courses during the first year in the College of Medicine will serve as electives for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The B.S. degree will be recommended and awarded after the requirements specified by the College of Arts and Sciences (including electives) have been completed successfully **by year three** of the program.

Students who do not complete the program in the College of Medicine are required to return to the College of Arts and Sciences to complete the requirements for the traditional four-year B.S. degree program.

After all requirements for the M.D. degree, as specified by the Howard University College of Medicine, have been successfully completed, the M.D. degree will be awarded in the year six of the program.

# B.S./M.D. FAQ'S

**Q** Are additional scholarships associated with being accepted into the B.S./M.D. program?

**A** *No, only what was rewarded from the University. Scholars are responsible for the costs of required summer courses and related expenses to include housing and meals.*

**Q** Does acceptance into the B.S./M.D. program guarantee me a spot in medical school??

**A** *No. This is not a guaranteed admission program. A completed AMCAS application and MCAT score are required as well as an evaluation by the Center for Preprofessional Education Committee and the Committee of Admissions for the College of Medicine to be recommended for Phase II.*

**Q** I have all other requirements, but my high school did not offer Physics, can I still be considered?

**A** *Physics and any other required courses must be completed at the time of application.*

**Q** Can my AP/IB/Dual Enrollment credits shorten my time at as an undergraduate?

**A** *No. The B.S./M.D. curriculum requires two years as undergraduate work to evaluate your performance and recommend you for Phase II. If you choose to apply to this program, you will have to retake required courses, even if you have received credit from Howard University.*

**Q** How many students are typically invited to join the incoming B.S./M.D. cohort?

**A** *The average size of a cohort is 12.*

**Q** I am a Karsh STEM Scholar, or Honors Program student, am I eligible?

**A** *No. These are totally different programs with different goals. You may only choose one.*

# HOWARD UNIVERSITY POLICY ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The mission of Howard University includes the provision of quality education for any student, but with emphasis upon the provision of educational opportunities for those who may not otherwise have had an opportunity to acquire an education of the type provided at Howard. In fulfilling its mission, the University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, marital status, religion, disability, age, sexual preference, political affiliation in the administration of its education policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and loan programs, and employment.

Requests for reasonable accommodation, equal opportunity, and Title IX should be addressed to the appropriate persons as listed below:

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<https://studentaffairs.howard.edu/about/departments/office-student-services>

The Title IX Office

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