

ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAMS

FALL
2026

BS/MD | BS/DDS
MEDICINE DENTISTRY



THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
CENTER FOR PREPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

6 YEARS 2 DEGREES



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The BS/MD & BS/DDS programs at Howard University operate in partnership with the College of Arts & Sciences (COAS) and the Howard University College of Medicine (HUCM), and Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD), respectively. These competitive and accelerated programs allow students to complete the requirements for both the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degrees in six years instead of the customary eight to ten years.

Our two-phased curriculum recommends successful Phase I scholars be admitted to the Howard University College of Medicine or Howard University College of Dentistry as part of the entering class of traditionally selected students. Admission is conditional **(not guaranteed)** and is contingent upon meeting eligibility and performance criteria, in addition to other responsibilities.

This program is designed for **recent high school graduates** who will be enrolled at Howard University as a Biology or Chemistry major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Transfer students or **previously degreed** (including dual enrollment) **are not eligible** for this program.

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WITH PROGRAM
STAFF!**



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Admission is by **invitation only**. Invitations are **emailed** to qualified incoming freshmen (c/o 2030) during the Spring/Summer semester prior to the start of the fall semester.

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

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

**Standardized test scores required, even if university is test optional.*

Have completed or are currently enrolled in the following **required** courses:

- Two or more years of foreign language
- Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Mathematics: Pre-Calculus or higher math

PRE-APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP ONE

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STEP TWO

Be admitted to the incoming first-year (freshman) class of Howard University.

STEP THREE

Be enrolled to COAS as a Biology or Chemistry major by the posted Enrollment Deadline. (May 2026)

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP FOUR

The Pre-Health Advisory Committee will email **invitations to apply** to enrolled, qualified incoming freshmen via their valid “bison.howard.edu” email address. Applying to Howard University via CommonApp does not serve as an application to the BS/MD or BS/DDS program, even if you indicated your interest. Scholars receiving this secondary application should expect to submit the following:

1. An **essay** demonstrating your interest in Medicine or Dentistry, highlighting your dedication to serve those who may be less privileged than yourself;
2. A copy of your **resume** detailing leadership, community service, clinical experience, volunteer/service, and other extracurricular activities;
3. **One** (1) **instructor recommendation** letter from a science or math teacher who taught you and gave you a grade;
4. **Two** (2) **professional recommendation** letters:
 - (1) Must be from an MD, DO, DDS, DMD, or equivalent;
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SELECTION PROCESS

STEP FIVE

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PHASE ONE

1ST - 2ND YEARS
5 SEMESTERS
18-24 CREDITS



Scholars 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 or College of Dentistry
- Clinical Experiences
- Volunteer Experiences
- Seminars & Workshops
- Independent study & group projects

CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

Advancement to Phase II of the program **is not guaranteed**. Medical Scholars will be evaluated by their academic performance including a minimum BCPM GPA of 3.25 and a minimum overall GPA of 3.5.

MEDICAL SCHOLARS MUST ALSO...

Submit an AMCAS application to include strong letters of recommendation, diverse work & activities, an official MCAT score of 504 or higher, and a successful interview.

Dental Scholars will be evaluated by their academic performance including a GPA of 3.0 and higher.

DENTAL SCHOLARS MUST ALSO...

Submit an AADSAS application to include strong letters of recommendation, diverse professional experience, an official DAT score of 410 (in each category) or higher, and a successful interview.

PHASE TWO

3RD - 6TH YEARS
M1-M4 (medical)
D1-D4 (dental)



Required courses during the first year in the College of Medicine or College of Dentistry 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 - historically **by year four** of the program.

Students who do not complete the program in the College of Medicine or the College of Dentistry are required to return to the College of Arts and Sciences to complete the requirements for the traditional 120 credit B.S. degree program.

MEDICAL SCHOLARS:

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 year six of the program.

DENTAL SCHOLARS:

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there specific scholarships associated with being accepted into the BS/MD or BS/DDS program?

No, these programs do not provide financial assistance for scholars. However, completing this accelerated curriculum will save you two years' worth of tuition, housing, fees, etc. Information concerning freshmen scholarships, loans, and work study programs can be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid located in the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Administration Building or visit: <https://www2.howard.edu/student-financial-services> Scholars are responsible for the costs of required summer courses and related expenses to include housing and meals.

Will all of my AP/IB/Dual Enrollment credits be accepted?

The Howard University Office of Admissions and The Office of the Registrar govern how transfer credits from IB, AP, and similar courses - to include dual enrollment - are handled; information regarding this process can be found by visiting: <https://howard.edu/registrar/transfer-credit-articulation-agreements>.

Credits awarded for prerequisite coursework will be evaluated by the committee on an individual basis; all credits may not transfer (even if they are accepted by the university) and you may be required to retake certain courses. If you are being considered for acceptance, we will do a course audit and let you know which courses are requested to be retaken at the university level.

How many students are typically invited to join the incoming BS/MD or BS/DDS cohort

The average size of a cohort is 12-15 scholars.

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

Physics and any other required courses must be completed to receive an invitation to apply, even if the high school you attended did not offer them.

Can international students apply?

Yes, while there are no citizenship requirements for this program, eligible students must have been accepted to Howard University. For general information on Howard University, please visit <https://admission.howard.edu/>

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:

Office of Special Student Services

Tubman Quadrangle

2455 4th Street NW, Lower Level, Suite GV01 Washington DC 20059

PH: 202-238-2420 TTD

Services 202-238-2425

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

The Title IX Office

Phone: 202-806-2550

Email: TitleIX@howard.edu

Location: Johnson Administration Building, Suite G06

Street Address: 2400 6th Street NW, Washington, DC 20059

<https://howard.edu/title-ix>