

Program Description

The Medical Scientist Program (MSP) at Loma Linda University is designed to attract those students who are energized by doing biomedical research and wish to contribute substantially to this enterprise. The expectation is that graduates of this program will pursue a career in academic medicine and medical research. The program integrates graduate and medical education in a Christian environment and is designed to allow completion of both the PhD and MD degrees.

Program Length

Average 8 years

Possible Careers

Graduates of MD/PhD programs pursue careers as physician-scientists who are involved in biomedical research as well as clinical practices. They often become faculty members at medical schools, universities and research institutes such as the NIH.

Admissions Requirements

The MSP Admissions Committee is looking for applicants who have a demonstrated commitment to medical research as well as a service orientation. Life experiences, academic achievement and research experience are assessed through the application, letters of recommendation, and interviews. Students must submit separate applications to the School of Medicine for both the PhD and the MD. Application to the medical program is done through AMCAS (American Medical College Admissions Service). Both programs must accept applicants before they are admitted to the Medical Scientist Program.

Prerequisites

Applicants must meet the entrance requirements for both the medical program as well as the Integrated Biomedical Graduate Studies (IBGS) PhD program that includes the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) as well as the basic science courses required for the medical program. Please look up prerequisites for both the MD and PhD program for more specifics.

Expected Cost of Attendance

Academic Year

Year of Program:	Year 1
Tuition	\$24,128
Fees	\$3,096
Books & Supplies	\$1,600
Instruments	—
Misc (e.g., Boards, Licensing exam, Uniforms)	—
Total	\$28,824

Notes

Expected costs for the academic year are based on full time attendance. From year to year, increases are anticipated consistent with inflation in the professional education sector.

Students in the combined degree program benefit from tuition waivers and stipend support while completing their PhD studies. They may also qualify for a tuition waiver during their medical studies.

Estimated Living Expenses

Academic Year , off campus, with a roommate

Year of Program:	Year 1
Months enrolled	12
Room & Board	\$13,680
Transportation	\$3,780
Personal Expenses	\$1,740

Notes

- Amounts are what a student can apply to borrow for the number of months shown in each academic year based on living off campus with a roommate and not with a relative.
- International students need to calculate 12 months of living expenses based on the numbers listed here.
- In general, to qualify for financial aid a student must be enrolled at least half time taking degree requirements. Half time is 6 units in a quarter for undergraduate programs and 4 units in a quarter for graduate programs.