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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BA / MD JOINT ADMISSIONS SCHOLARS PROGRAM (JAS)

The BA/MD (Bachelor of Arts/Doctor of Medicine) JAS Program provides a unique opportunity for exceptional Minnesota residents with the goal of obtaining their Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree. Students are admitted to the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts as a freshman and will matriculate to the Medical School provided students meet certain academic and co-curricular requirements, during their first three years in the program. Students will be poised to complete both their undergraduate and doctor of medicine degrees within seven years, one year earlier than is typical. This program has been created to attract and retain top Minnesota students to the U of M from broadly diverse backgrounds.

## WHAT IS THE BA/MD JOINT ADMISSIONS SCHOLARS (JAS) PROGRAM?

The BA/MD JAS program is a seven-year BA to MD program in which three years are spent taking undergraduate coursework in the College of Liberal Arts and four years of coursework are spent at the Medical School.

## BENEFITS OF THE BA/MD JAS PROGRAM

Students in the BA/MD JAS program will be guided and supported throughout the program in building a portfolio of experiences in research, service, and leadership, and they will receive clinical exposure to develop and deepen their understanding of medicine throughout their undergraduate years. This individualized program accelerates students' entry into the medical workforce and reduces overall costs of college education.

## HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE BA/MD JAS PROGRAM?

**Students must be invited to apply for this program.** The BA/MD JAS Program is for Minnesota residents only. Students are reviewed holistically when they apply for undergraduate admissions to the University of Minnesota. In the admission committee's holistic review of applications, students who may be eligible for this program are selected and invited to apply. The application process to the BA/MD JAS Program includes completion of a recommendation form, supplemental essay questions, and an interview.

Turn over to learn more about BA/MD Joint Admissions Scholars Program 

## REQUIREMENTS OF THE BA/MD JAS PROGRAM

Students who participate in the BA/MD JAS Program must pursue a BA in the College of Liberal Arts in either Biology, Society, and Environment or Physiology and will be expected to follow program requirements to ensure they are on track to complete the majority of their BA in three years. Students in the BA/MD JAS Program will be awarded a Bachelor degree when they meet the following requirements:

- Students are enrolled at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- Majority of the chosen major completed in the first 3 years of the overall program
- Co-curricular program requirements completed
- Letter from College of Liberal Arts undergraduate programs indicating students have met requirements to enroll in medical school in year four of overall program
- Successful completion of year one of medical school
  - > Bachelor degree will be conferred after successful completion of year one of medical school

Upon successful completion of the requirements in the first three years of the program **AND** meeting the admissions requirements of the Medical School, students will matriculate to the University of Minnesota Medical School. Once admitted, students will then continue the BA/MD JAS Program by following medical school requirements to complete their MD at the end of the seven-year program.

For questions related to the undergraduate admissions process or application requirements for the BA/MD program, please contact the undergraduate Office of Admissions at [admissions@umn.edu](mailto:admissions@umn.edu).

For questions related to the Medical School, please contact [meded@umn.edu](mailto:meded@umn.edu).

## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

The College of Liberal Arts (CLA) prepares students to be independent and original thinkers, to be innovators in their chosen fields, to create meaning in their life's work, and to become productive citizens and leaders in their communities and the world. The College of Liberal Arts is an excellent place to prepare for a health career as students in CLA are well-rounded and have the skills, experience, and research opportunities that lead to successful careers in medicine.

## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEDICAL SCHOOL

The University of Minnesota Medical School is a world-class leader in medical education, research, and patient care. The Medical School trains 70 percent of Minnesota's physician workforce, receives more than \$188 million in research grants each year, and provides care to nearly 1 million patients across the state. Our students receive a dynamic education with real-world experience that will empower them to succeed in today's competitive medical field. Our students have the opportunity to excel through innovative research and state-of-the-art training, and the opportunity to provide care through affiliated hospitals and clinics across the state.



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Medical School