Program Overview

The Medical Scientist Training Program at the University of Colorado is a multidisciplinary program educating students in clinical medicine and biomedical research. Its mission is to provide students with the breadth and depth of training necessary to excel as clinician scientists. Trainees are recruited nationwide from post-baccalaureate students with proven exceptional talents in research science and a well-thought-out motivation to pursue a career in medicine. The program enjoys exceptional support from both the administration and the clinical faculty, providing a challenging and flexible environment for the training of clinician scientists.

Financial Assistance/Cost of Living

University of Colorado students receive full financial support for their entire period of training. Student support includes all tuition and fees, including individual health and dental insurance, and provides an annual stipend of $30,000 (as of July 2017). The cost of living on the Greater Denver area is moderately lower than in many other metropolitan areas in the U.S.

Location

Greater Denver has a population of approximately 3 million. The climate in Denver is relatively mild and dry, due to the protection afforded by the mountains. Denver boasts over 300 days of sunshine per year. Winters are mild, while the summers are warm and dry, and summer nights are cool and pleasant. Denver offers all of the cultural advantages of a major metropolitan center, including an outstanding performing arts complex, a symphony orchestra, outdoor amphitheater and a variety of other cultural activities, excellent restaurants and all major league sports. Most of Denver’s cultural offerings are convenient to the medical center campus, especially the Natural History Museum, the Denver Botanical Gardens, several city parks and the Denver Zoo. Many nationally prominent music festivals are held in mountain towns and resorts during the summer, and free concerts are held in local Denver parks. And let’s not forget about Red Rocks Amphitheatre – home to big name concerts and Film on the Rocks each summer, located just 30 minutes outside Denver in Morrison, CO. Skiing, camping, backpacking, technical climbing, hiking, hunting, fishing, sailing, windsurfing, mountain biking, whitewater kayaking and rafting all are available within a 15 minute- to two-hour drive from Denver.

Applying

The MSTP Admission Committee is looking for individuals with a demonstrated commitment to medical research and service to community. The committee looks at applicants as whole individuals, equally assessing academic achievement with past experience. Letters of recommendation, substantive bench research experience, test scores, and life experiences are all considered. Out-of-state residents are considered on an equal basis with in-state applicants. All applicants must meet the academic prerequisites for the School of Medicine. The deadline for submission of completed applications through AMCAS is October 15.

Admissions/Program Stats

- 80 students are currently enrolled in the CU MST Program
- 3.68 GPA and 512 (33) MCAT average of current students
- 43% women, 7% underrepresented, 13% with disabilities, 6% are disadvantaged
- The average time to both degrees is 8 years
- 17 different graduate programs, with ~150 faculty to choose from
- ~75 applicants are interviewed each year, ~20-30 are offered slots on a rolling basis, 10-12 matriculate
- Applicants are interviewed by 3-4 research faculty, as well as by members of the MSTP Admission Committee

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