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 $28,500 (as of July 2015). 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 and its environs is exceptionally pleasant, with mild, sunny winters, warm, dry summers and over 300 days of sunshine a year. Residents are able to take advantage of a tremendous variety of outdoor activities throughout the year. The city of Denver has a symphony orchestra, excellent natural history and fine-arts museums, a noted performing arts center and all of the other cultural and recreational facilities typical of large urban areas. Travel to and from Denver is facilitated by a large number of daily airline flights out Denver International Airport only minutes from the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Applying

The MSTP Admissions 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

- 70 students are currently enrolled in the CU MST Program
- 3.74 GPA and 33 MCAT average of current students
- 40% women, 13% underrepresented minorities, 5% with disabilities, and 9% 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, ~15-20 are offered slots on a rolling basis and 8-10 matriculate
- Applicants are interviewed by 3 to 4 research faculty as well as by members of the MSTP Admissions Committee

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