Tulane University’s MD/MPH Combined Degree Program: Merit-Based Scholarship Award Criteria

A limited number of merit-based scholarships may be available to students accepted into Tulane University’s MD/MPH combined degree program. The MD/MPH scholarship awards are based on objective and subjective criteria and are designated for public health tuition.

Students are automatically considered for an MD/MPH combined degree merit-based scholarship award when they apply to the MD/MPH combined degree program if any scholarships are available. There is no separate scholarship application.

March 15 (before a student’s T1 year in SOM) is the application deadline to receive priority consideration for a merit-based scholarship. If any scholarships remain after March 15 admissions, all T1 MD/MPH students (including October applicants) will be considered for scholarship allocation after the October 15 application deadline.

In general, MD/MPH scholarships are one-time, non-renewable awards that are applied to public health tuition only (students are responsible for public health fees). Balances remaining from a student’s scholarship will be carried over and applied to the next term the student enrolls in public health classes, as long as the student meets all conditions of the scholarship. Specific scholarship terms and amounts may vary from year to year based on funds available from the endowment and administrative input. Scholarship recipients will receive a scholarship letter outlining the specific terms of their scholarship.

SOM scholarships and MD/MPH combined degree scholarships are independent. Medical students receiving a SOM scholarship can still be considered for any available merit-based scholarship awards for the MD/MPH combined degree program.

Academic achievements: A minimum sum of MCAT scores (verbal reasoning, physical science, and biological science) of 30 and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 are preferred. In practice, scholarship recipients tend to score much higher than the minimum preferred criteria.

Subjective information: Letters of recommendation, professional/educational history, and public health career goals provide the MD/MPH program and Advisory Committee with information to evaluate students’ priority for a scholarship. Preference is given to students whose application file demonstrates experience in and commitment to academic leadership, research, and service.

Application: Students are automatically considered for an MD/MPH combined degree merit-based scholarship award when they apply to the MD/MPH combined degree program if any scholarships are available. There is no separate scholarship application. Students awarded a scholarship will receive written notification.

If additional scholarship dollars are identified, students in the program will automatically be considered. However, students may be required to submit additional information to determine
eligibility for new scholarship awards. Students should check their Tulane email accounts frequently for notification about new scholarship awards.

The MD/MPH Office will notify scholarship recipients in writing.

**Eligibility:** Receipt of MD/MPH scholarships depends on the following conditions:

1. Recipients must begin School of Medicine (SOM) coursework in the matriculating August of the award year. If a recipient defers SOM acceptance, the recipient forfeits the scholarship, but will be considered for a scholarship the following year when matriculating in the SOM.
2. Recipients must use the entire scholarship within two years of matriculation in SOM.
3. Recipients must complete their MD and MPH degrees at Tulane within five years of matriculation in the SOM.
4. Recipients must maintain an acceptable level of academic standing and rate of progression through training both in SOM and the School of Public Health during the entire period that recipients are enrolled at Tulane.
5. Recipients must behave in a professional and ethical manner, whether on or off the Tulane campus.
6. Recipients must promptly answer all communication from Tulane, its faculty, and/or authorized representative.

Failing to satisfy any of the above listed conditions may result in termination of the scholarship and require the recipient to repay Tulane the value of the scholarship previously applied to recipient’s account. For clarity, if recipient withdraws from the School of Public Health but remains enrolled in the School of Medicine or vice versa, the recipient will be required to repay the value of the scholarship previously applied to the recipient’s account.

No scholarship dollars are currently designated for PHC students. Scholarships for MD/PhD are handled on a case by case basis and coordinated through the SPHTM department, rather than through the program office.