



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

GRADUATE STUDY IN INDIANAPOLIS



## Top 10 Tips On Preparing a Successful Application For a Ph.D. Program in the Biomedical Sciences

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Make sure you have done your research and know the admissions requirements for the programs you are applying to. If you do not meet all the requirements consider taking a year to “fill in the blanks” then apply.

### APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Know what is required for an application to be considered “complete”!

### DEADLINES

Keep a calendar of deadlines for each program you are applying to and submit your application early, as many programs begin reviewing applications as they become complete.

### ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Make sure you have taken a solid basic science curriculum (e.g. biology, physics, chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, cell biology and genetics).

### RESEARCH BACKGROUND

So you think you have a solid research background? Admissions committees want to see more than just lab skills, they want to see that you understand the research you are doing and have played an active role in the project(s).

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Know your deficiencies and explain them in your personal statement. This is the one part of your application that you have full control over NOW.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Make sure you provide solid and convincing evidence that you are interested in the program and university you are applying to.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Proof read, and ask that others proof read and provide suggestions!

### RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

When selecting those that will author your letters of recommendation choose wisely, select those that can attest to your likelihood for success in the graduate program(s) you are applying to.

### GRE

It’s not trivial, so don’t just “wing it”, take your time and study. Plan so that you can take it early, so that if you need to take it again, you can.

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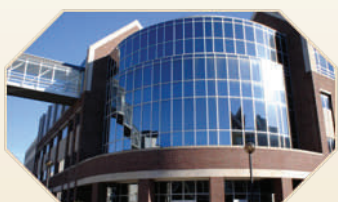
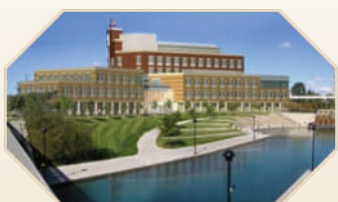
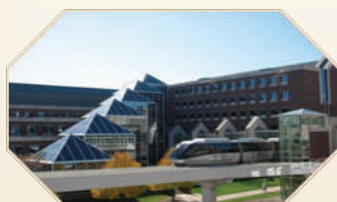
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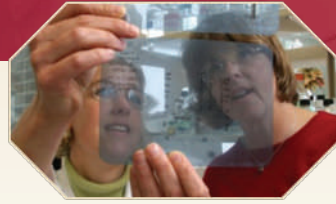


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**M.D./PH.D. COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM  
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**M.D./Ph.D.**



## **Top 10 Tips On Preparing a Successful Application For the M.D./Ph.D. Program**

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Do your homework—if you are unsure—talk to your pre-med advisor.

### **AMCAS APPLICATION**

Know how to access the AMCAS application—Medical School Website will guide you through the application process.

### **AMCAS APPLICATION**

If you are interested in applying for the M.D./Ph.D. program—make sure to check M.D./Ph.D. on your AMCAS application and not straight M.D., this step is very important—if M.D./Ph.D. is not checked—your application will not automatically be considered for the combined degree program.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

For IU School of Medicine— Make sure to adhere to all requirements set by the Medical School Admissions—complete and return all forms for your Medical School Admission file—this will ensure your application moves on to the next phase.

### **RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**

Have faculty members write letters who can address your research experience/potential.

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Clearly express your desire to pursue the combined degree program.

### **MCAT**

Make sure that you have taken the MCAT –your application will be placed on hold until your scores are available.

### **BE PROMPT**

Be prompt with responses to communication from programs.

### **FAMILIARIZE**

Familiarize yourself with research programs within IU School of Medicine and the Competency Based Curriculum.

### **FOLLOW-UP**

With IU School of Medicine Admissions Office to make sure that your application is complete.

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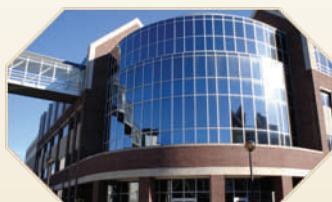
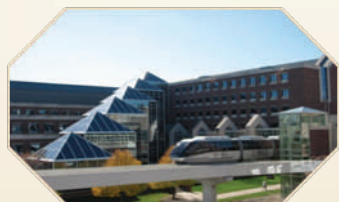
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