

# Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine **Applied Health Sciences Informatics (Online) Master's Program** Admissions Information

## Program Overview:

The Master's in HSI: Applied Health Sciences Informatics (Online) is a 12-36 month part-time online master's degree program designed for individuals wanting to obtain practical competencies in biomedical informatics and data science. The health sciences informatician should be capable of developing or leading innovative applications of information technology and information systems that address clinical or public health priorities.

Students in this program primarily study remotely.

The MS Applied requires that students complete core courses, student seminar, electives, and capstone. The core courses provide a broad overview of foundational content in biomedical and public health informatics, clinical informatics, health information systems, and data science. The student seminar provides a forum for students to explore current topics, learn directly from experts in the field, and develop a professional network and support structure. Electives can be chosen from relevant offerings from across the university. The program culminates with a 200-hour, student-designed, faculty-supervised capstone that provides students an opportunity to develop or apply relevant competencies within a professionally relevant project.

The tuition for the 2026-27 academic year is \$1,440 per credit for the Master's in HSI: Applied Health Sciences Informatics (Online) program. There are 60 credits required to complete the program. Additional information regarding tuition, fees, financial aid, and student financial resources is available on the [Financial Aid](#) website.

## Application Instructions:

The application for this program is open from September 8<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. Applications may only be submitted during the application period.

## Admissions Requirements and Application Materials:

- **Academic History:** Applicants must list all colleges and universities they have attended and upload a transcript from each institution.
- **Minimum qualifications:** Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications for consideration for admission. However, meeting these minimum qualifications does not guarantee admission to the program. Eligible applicants will:
  - Hold a terminal degree (Master's or doctorate) in a relevant area of healthcare, or
  - Hold a bachelor's degree in a relevant area of study, plus 5 years of related work experience, or

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- **Standardized Testing:** Applicants are not required to take the GRE for this program.
- **Curriculum Vitae/Resume:** Applicants must submit a CV or resume. The CV/resume may be updated after the application is submitted, provided that any updates are submitted before the program's application deadline.
- **Personal Statement:** Applicants must provide a statement (one page maximum) indicating the basis of their interest in graduate study and their career objectives. The applicant should include a discussion of any research experience they have had.

Applicants should submit an additional one-page personal statement that describes how a formative experience has shaped an interest in pursuing graduate studies and/or a specific career path. This experience could include—but is not limited to—a life event, academic course, book, or mentor. Applicants should reflect on how this experience cultivated curiosity, passion, or motivation to pursue their chosen field.

The applicant should combine and upload both the basis of interest and personal statements as a single document (two single-sided pages maximum).

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants must identify three individuals who are familiar with the applicant's academic, professional, research, clinical, or other relevant work and provide contact information for these references. The School of Medicine will contact the identified references and request that they submit letters of recommendation on behalf of the applicant.
- **Additional Program Requirements:**
  - Official transcript of school record
  - Certification of terminal degree

## International Students:

- International students whose native language is not English are required to complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). When taking the exam, applicants should request official scores be reported to Institution Code 5316 (the Department Code is not necessary). To report official IELTS test scores, please include the Test Report Form (TRF) verification number on the application. Scores must be received before the application deadline.
- The TOEFL requirement will be waived if the applicant has completed their degree in a U.S. institution, or is currently enrolled and will receive a degree from a university within the U.S. prior to matriculation at JHU SOM.
- All transcripts, letters of recommendation, and parts of the admissions application must be in English. The approved transcript service for use by international students is [WES](#).

## Additional Application Information:

Parts of the admissions application collect demographic and other information. Race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, and other legally protected characteristics are not considered in the selection of candidates for admission to the training program.

## Admissions Fees:

- An application fee of \$125 is required and must be submitted using a credit card. Applicants can apply to multiple programs without an additional fee.
- Application fee waivers are available to applicants who meet the School of Medicine's published eligibility requirements. Eligibility for a fee waiver is separate from the academic admissions process and does not affect an applicant's consideration for admission. For a complete description of eligibility requirements and the fee waiver process, please see the *Application Fees Waivers* section on the [Online Programs](#) website.

## Application Status:

- Once an application has been submitted, the applicant may follow its progress through the Application Status Page. The page can be accessed after submission of the application and contains the most current information regarding application status and outstanding materials.

## Admissions Timelines:

- Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.
- Only complete applications with all required supporting letters and documents will be reviewed.
- Selected applicants will be invited to participate in a virtual interview.
- Letters describing acceptance, wait list status, or rejection will be sent by email. This information will also be available on the Application status website. Applicants selected for acceptance must choose to accept or reject the offer by April 15. On April 15, all accepted offers become binding.
- Incoming students will matriculate in the end of August. The departmental orientation occurs after the University orientation, generally the last week in August. The Master's in HSI: Applied Health Sciences Informatics (online) program only accepts students for fall matriculation.

## Applicant Survey:

- Applicants will receive a survey after the admissions process has concluded requesting feedback regarding their experience with the admissions process. The survey will also ask questions about the disability status of applicants.

- Participation in the survey is voluntary, and survey responses are not used in admissions decisions and have no effect on an applicant's admission status or any offer of admission.

### Upon Acceptance:

- Individuals who accept an offer of admission will undergo a criminal background check.
- Accepted students must submit official transcripts to the School of Medicine Registrar. Official transcripts may be submitted electronically through a transcript service approved by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Registrar. The approved transcript service for international students is [WES](#). Transcripts may also be mailed directly to the School of Medicine Registrar by the issuing institution. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance.

### Information Sessions:

- The program holds virtual information sessions during the Fall semester and in January when the program is receiving applications.

### Communicating with the Program:

- The Master's in HSI: Applied Health Sciences Informatics (Online) program contact: Ed Bunker, [JHInformatics@jhu.edu](mailto:JHInformatics@jhu.edu)
- General questions: [GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu](mailto:GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu)
- For more information, please see the The Master's in HSI: Applied Health Sciences Informatics (Online) program website: [The Master's in HSI: Applied Health Sciences Informatics \(Online\)](#)
- Admissions information: [Graduate Admissions](#)