

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine **Online Program in the History of Medicine MA** Admissions Information

Program Overview:

The Online Program in the History of Medicine MA is an 8-year (max) part time online master's degree program designed to give students from a wide variety of backgrounds robust training in research, writing, and methodological skills to interrogate the history of health and healing from ancient to modern times.

Students in this program primarily study online, but are required to complete a one-week Practicum course on the East Baltimore Campus.

The tuition for the 2026-27 academic year is \$4,320 per 3-credit course. Students are required to complete a total of 36 credits and a thesis to complete the degree. 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, 2026 through December 15, 2026. 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.
 - Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- **Standardized Testing:** Applicants are not required to take the GRE for this program. GRE scores will not be considered in the admissions process, even if submitted.
- **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 submit a one-page personal statement indicating the basis of their interest in graduate study in the history of medicine. Applicants should include a discussion of any relevant research and work experience.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Letters of recommendation are not required.

- **Writing Sample:** The History of Medicine program requires a writing sample from applicants. This can be a thesis paper, publication, or term paper that reflects your strongest work. Samples should be uploaded as PDFs.

International Students:

- The University will sponsor visas for accepted students. However, JHU's willingness to sponsor or support a visa application does not guarantee that a visa will be approved or issued.
- 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](#).
- Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents should consult the *Application Fees and Fee Waivers* section on the [On-Campus Programs](#) website for information about application fees and eligibility for fee waivers.

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.
- 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 Program's](#) 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:

- Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible. Admissions decisions are generally not based on when an application is submitted within the application period; however, applying early allows additional time for application processing as well as for academic, financial, and enrollment planning.
- Virtual interviews will be scheduled by early February and offers will be extended by late February.
- 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 late August. Orientation will be held in late August on or shortly after the matriculation date. Students will begin their training at this time. The History of Medicine Online MA 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.

Communicating with the Program:

- Online Program in the History of Medicine contact: Myrobbins@jhmi.edu, Marian Robbins, Administrative Program Specialist

- General questions: GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu
- For more information, please see the Online Program in the History of Medicine website: <https://hopkinshistoryofmedicine.org/online-program-in-the-history-of-medicine/>
- Admissions information: <https://hopkinshistoryofmedicine.org/admissions-ophom/>