Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Graduate Programs – Admissions Information for the PhD in **Cellular & Molecular Medicine (CMM)**

Program Admissions Details:
In 2023, the CMM PhD Program admitted 23 students out of a pool of 358 applicants. In August 2023, the total number of students in the program was 123. The average time to degree for this program is 5.3 years. Students in this program work on the East Baltimore campus and the Homewood campus.

Doctoral students in the School of Medicine receive a living stipend each year of their PhD studies. {2023-2024 stipend is $37,500). Along with your appointment as a graduate student you will also receive health, dental and vision insurance at no cost to you. NOTE: If a student opts for family health insurance coverage, that cost is incurred by the student. Student stipends are subject to taxes. Students from Maryland with student loans may receive State tax benefits. More information is available here on Financial Aid page https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/som/offices/finaid/. The University does not provide housing, though the housing office : https://offcampushousing.hopkinsmedicine.org/ will provide advice.

Some students in this program are covered by Federal training grants. Others applied for individual scholarships and received funding. Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to apply for funding before beginning their training. Information about funding opportunities for U.S. students including NSF GFRP: https://www.nsfgrfp.org/
and F31 grants: https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/fellowships/f31 .

Program Details:
The application for this program is open from 9/1/2023 to 12/8/2023. In the time before the application is open, applicants may log in and begin their applications. The application can only be submitted in the period when the application is open.

Academic History & Prior Research Experience:
Applicants will need to list all colleges and universities they attended. A transcript will need to be uploaded from each school attended. Applicants with prior research experience share information about this including the institution and mentor, dates of participation, and any publications resulting from the experience.

Admissions requirements:
- CMM does not require the GRE. GRE scores will **not** be reviewed.
- Applicants must submit a one page personal statement indicating the basis of their interest in graduate study, career objectives, and any research experience. Areas to address: What does translational research mean to you? What is your interest in CMM and translational research?
- Applicants must identify **three** people who are familiar with the applicant's work and provide contact info for these references. The contact info will be entered into the application, and SOM will contact the references and ask them to submit letters of recommendation on behalf of the applicant.
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International Students:
- The University will sponsor visas for accepted 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 <u>WES</u>.
- International students are not eligible for waivers of the Admissions Application fees.

Getting to know you:
- Parts of the Admissions application collect information for mandatory reporting. These parts may ask applicants to select a pre-set category for gender, race or ethnicity. Other sections of the application allow applicants to share more details about how they choose to describe themselves.
- Application Fee waivers may be given to applicants based on the fee waiver list in the application.

Admissions fees:
- An admissions fee of $115 dollars is required and must be submitted using a credit card. This fee will cover applications to more than one program.
- For a complete description of the fee waiver process, please see the *Application Fees and Fee Waiver Instructions* on the On-Campus Admission website. Fee waivers are <u>only available</u> for U.S. citizens.

Application status website:
- Once their application is submitted, applicant may follow its progress on the Application Status page. This page can be accessed upon completion of the application. The status page has the most current information.

Admission timeline:
- CMM will begin reviewing applications when they are complete. Therefore, submitting your application and relevant materials as early as possible will help our review process.
- CMM will contact strong applicants about interviews beginning in December. Our interview Virtual events are scheduled for January 11-12, 2024, and February 8-9, 2024, for Fall 2024 admittance. A CMM 2nd Look event will be in person on March 11-12, 2024.
- 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.

- Orientation will be held on the third week of August 2024. Students will begin their training at this time. The CMM program only accepts students for fall matriculation.

Applicant survey:
- Applicants will receive a survey during the third week of April (after April 15) where they can provide feedback about their experience with the Admissions process. The survey will also ask questions about disability status of applicants.

Upon acceptance:
- Accepted students will undergo a criminal background check.
- Accepted students must submit official transcripts to the School of Medicine Registrar. This may be in the form of a digital transcript, which is submitted through a transcript service approved by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Registrar. The approved transcript service for international students is WES. Transcripts may also be mailed directly from the Accepted student's school to the GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu
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Communicating with the program:
- CMM contact: cmm@jhmi.edu
- General questions: GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu

- For more info, please see the CMM Program website: https://cmm.jhmi.edu
- Admissions info: https://cmm.jhmi.edu/index.php/application-information/