

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Graduate Programs – Admissions Information for the **MS in Health Science Informatics (HSI)**

Biomedical Informatics and Data Science program Overview:

There are five programs in Health Sciences Informatics (HSI).

1. HSI: Clinical Informatics (Online Certificate)
2. HSI: Applied Health Sciences Informatics (Online MS)
3. HSI: Applied Health Sciences Informatics (MS)
4. **HSI: Health Sciences Informatics (MS, Research focus)** - The instructions below are for this program.
5. HSI: Health Sciences Informatics (PhD)

Program Details:

Master of Science in Health Sciences Informatics is a 24-month campus-based degree program focused on Research in HSI and has a large independent research component leading to a thesis. Students in this program work on the East Baltimore campus.

Program Admissions Requirements:

To apply to this program, applicants meet one of these three qualifications:

- The applicant should have a bachelor's degree in a relevant area of study.
- The applicant should have a bachelor's degree in a relevant area of study, and a minimum of five years of professional experience in a relevant field.
- The applicant should have a MA, MLS, MD, or PhD, with no further requirements.

Program Details:

The application for this program is open from September 1st to February 15th. 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:

Applicants will need to list all colleges and universities they attended. A transcript will need to be uploaded from each school attended.

Admissions requirements:

- Applicants must submit a Curriculum Vitae (C.V.). This can be updated after the application is submitted, as long as the updates are before the graduate program's deadline.
- Applicants must submit a one-page personal statement indicating the basis of their interest in graduate study and their career objectives. Applicants should include a discussion of any research experience they have had.
- 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.

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 programs 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 family income (U.S. citizens only). The term *family* is determined by your definition. Families may involve adoptions, separations, and many other variations.

Admissions fees:

- An admissions fee is required and must be submitted using a credit card. Applicants who meet eligibility requirements may apply to multiple Health Sciences Informatics programs. There will not be any additional charges or application fees for reviews by other HSI programs.
- 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 only available for U.S. citizens.

Admission timeline:

- Review of applications will begin immediately after the application deadline. The Biomedical Informatics and Data Science program will begin reviewing applications when they are received, so submitting your application before the deadline may be helpful.
- The Biomedical Informatics and Data Science program will contact competitive applicants about interviews beginning in January. Interviews are usually conducted over Zoom (or similar services).

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 the disability status of applicants.

Application status website:

- Once their application is submitted, the 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.

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 School of Medicine Registrar. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance.

Communicating with the program:

MS in HSI – Admissions Information

- HSI contact: JHInformatics@jhu.edu
- General questions: GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu
- For more info, please see the Program website: <https://bids.jhmi.edu/degrees-and-tracks/health-sciences-informatics-research-ms/>