

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Graduate Programs – Admissions Information for the MA in the **Medical & Biological Illustration**

Program Details:

The Clinical Anaplastology (CA) graduate program provides students with knowledge to succeed as clinicians providing facial, ocular (eye), and non-weight bearing somatic (body) prostheses, as well as designing 3D patient-matched models, surgical templates and other 3D printed clinical models. The 22-month curriculum of the CA program is designed to strongly position entry-level Anaplastologists to meet eligibility requirements in order to become Certified Clinical Anaplastologists (CCA).

Unfamiliar with this profession? Clinical Anaplastology offers a treatment option to patients for whom surgical reconstruction alone cannot restore facial features or the appearance of limbs and digits. Prostheses are created working with each patient to custom sculpt, mold, cast, and colorize the final wearable device. Custom prosthetic devices allow patients to resume functional activities of daily living. The professional that creates the prosthesis is known as a Clinical Anaplastologist.

The integral connection between the CA program and the [Facial, Eye & Body Prosthetics Clinic](#) allows students to be mentored by full-time practicing Certified Clinical Anaplastologists, use the most technologically advanced equipment, and create parallel clinical casework with delivery of student efforts to patients, in partial fulfillment of professional certification requirements.

Program Admissions Details:

Application to the **CA** program begins with the submission of a **Portfolio** and [Applicant Profile](#), due **January 25th** of the admissions year. Portfolio requirements and sample portfolio images are available on the [CA Application Process](#) web page. Email the program anytime throughout the year at medart-info@jhmi.edu to request a personalized Hopkins OneDrive folder with HIPAA compliant security. *Please do **not** email portfolios.*

Following review of all Portfolio and [Applicant Profile](#) submissions, Faculty invite select candidates to complete the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (SOM) Graduate Program Application and to interview via Zoom.

*SOM Graduate Program Applications submitted without the separate [portfolio submission process](#) will **not** be complete.*

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 have completed the science coursework and art training listed on the [Admissions Requirements](#) page.
- Applicants must submit a Portfolio of their work. Portfolio requirements and submission instructions are available on the [Application Process](#) page. SOM Graduate Program Applications submitted without the separate Portfolio submission will **not** be complete.
- Applicants are **not** required to take the GRE for this program.

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- Applicants must submit a one-page personal statement indicating the basis of their interest in graduate study and their career objectives.
- Applicants must identify **three** people who are familiar with the applicant's work and provide contact info for these references. Writers should be faculty or others in a supervisory position able to evaluate objectively the applicant's work. 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.

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), or Graduate Record Examination (GRE general). When taking an 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 \(World Education Services\)](#), an international credential evaluation service. This process can take significant time.
- International students are not eligible for waivers of the Admissions Application fee.

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 describe themselves.
- The University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status or other legally protected characteristic. The University's equal opportunity policy applies to all academic programs administered by the University as well as employment decisions.
- 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 of \$115 dollars is required and must be submitted using a credit card
- For a complete description of the fee waiver process, please see the [Application Fees and Fee Waiver Instructions](#) on the admission website. Fee waivers are only available for U.S. citizens.

Application status website:

- Once their application is submitted, applicants 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:

- Review of applications will begin immediately after the application deadline.
- Following the January 25th Portfolio/Profile due date, the Admissions Committee notifies all candidates who qualify for final consideration, provides access to the online SOM application web site, and invites them for interview (Zoom).
- Letters describing acceptance, wait list status, or rejection will be sent by email. This information will also be available on the Application status website.
- A class of two students is selected each year to matriculate in early August.

Applicant survey:

- Applicants will receive a survey during the third week of April where they can provide feedback about their experience with the Admissions process. The survey will also ask questions about the 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 \(World Education Services\)](#). 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:

- CA Program contact: medart-info@jhmi.edu
- General questions: GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu
- For more info, please see the Program website: <https://medicalart.johnshopkins.edu/msca/>
- Admissions Requirement information is here: <https://medicalart.johnshopkins.edu/msca-admissions-requirements/>