Program Admissions Details:
In 2019, the XDBio PhD Program admitted 3 students out of a pool of 89 applicants. Students in this program are paid a stipend to support their living expenses (the 2019-2020 stipend is $33,552). Tuition costs for SOM courses are covered by the School for students in this Program (i.e., not paid by the student). Standard medical benefits for the student are covered. Benefits for the student’s immediate family are available at additional cost to 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 our Financial Aid page. The University does not provide housing, though the housing office 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 and F31 grants) can be found here.

Program Details:
The application for this program is open from 9/1/2019 to 12/1/2019. 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:
- Applicants are not required to take the GRE for this program.
- 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 three one-page personal statements about the applicants:
  o The academic and scientific background of the applicant and how XDBio fits into the applicant’s research and career interests;
  o The research experience of the applicant, with at least one project described in detail;
  o The proposed future research directions for the project described in the applicant’s research experience.
- 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.
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 at an 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.
- 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 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. In some cases, 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 only available 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:
- Review of applications will begin immediately after the application deadline. XDBio will begin reviewing applications when they are received, so submitting your application before the deadline may be helpful.
- XDBio will contact strong applicants about interviews after the application deadline. In some cases, interviews may be conducted over Skype (or similar services). XDBio will fully cover the cost of the hotel, food, and will reimburse up to $600 for (travel) domestic flights, train, car, bus,
rideshare for applicants traveling to Baltimore for interviews. Interviews for this program will occur in February or March.
- 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, 2020. Students will begin their training at this time. The NTP 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 School of Medicine Registrar. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance.

Communicating with the program:
- XDBio contact: XDBio@jhmi.edu
- General questions: GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu

- For more info, please see the Program website: http://xdbio.jhmi.edu/
  Admissions info: http://xdbio.jhmi.edu/admissions/