MEDICAL SCIENCES

Note: Admission to this program is suspended 2023-24

The Department of Biomedical and Molecular Sciences (DBMS), Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME), and Undergraduate Medical Education (UGME), in the Faculty of Health Sciences, have developed a partnership to deliver two new and unique programs: the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sciences (GDip) and the Professional Master of Medical Sciences (PMMSC). The programs are designed to enhance students’ clinical and research skills to align with the requirements of the Canadian Residency Matching Service (CaRMS) process and to promote research and scholarship activities in future physicians. The programs will provide bridging opportunities for Canadian Medical Graduates (CMG) who have yet to secure a residency position, and International Medical Graduates (IMG) who seek experience in Canadian contexts, which is especially important given the growing number of Canadian students studying medicine abroad. (CSAs).

Admission and Application Requirements

To be considered for admission to both the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sciences and the Professional Master of Medical Sciences, admission requirements will include the following:

• An MD or equivalent from a medical school on the International Medical Education Directory (IMED);
• Graduation with a B- graduating average or higher (70% graduating average or a ranking in the top third of the graduating class where number grades are not available);
• A Personal Statement will be required in order to ensure alignment of the applicant’s background and career aspirations with the objectives of the program;
• A Curriculum Vitae;
• Two references from individuals familiar with the candidate’s academic performance;
• Medical Student Performance Record or Dean’s Letter;
• In cases where English is not the first language, nor was the language of instruction in medical school, applicants are required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.
• National Assessment Collaboration examination score report (exempt for applicants who hold an MD from a Canadian university).

After review of the complete application, competitive candidates will be invited for an interview.

For those who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma and wish to apply for the Professional Master of Medical Sciences, applicants must obtain at least a B- in all courses in their Graduate Diploma program and apply for the Professional Master within five years after completing the Graduate Diploma.

Programs Structure and Requirements

Students may start the Graduate Diploma in Medical Sciences in either January or July, and complete the program within 6 months. Students in the Graduate Diploma program may elect to apply for the Professional Master of Medical Sciences. The Professional Master’s program requires Graduate Diploma in Medical Sciences graduates to take MSCI 802 and MCSC 898, which require another 6 months to complete.

Applicants can also apply for direct entry into the Professional Master of Medical Sciences beginning in either January or July.