

2007-2008 MD/PhD Intramural Program FAQs

Which Medical Schools participate in the program? All medical schools receiving training funds from the NIGMS MSTP are eligible to participate, however financial and programmatic issues may limit the participation of some schools. Please contact the NIH and medical school MSTP program directors for questions about a specific program's participation.

I have been accepted by a traditional M.D./Ph.D program. Can I participate in the NIH MSTP? Yes. If your school participates in the MSTP and your program director agrees, you may be able to do all or part of your Ph.D. research in an NIH lab. However, once students have begun training in a funded MSTP, they are not encouraged to apply for the NIH MSTP partnership unless their medical school has a formal agreement with the NIH GPP.

If I enroll in a GPP, is acceptance in the MSTP program guaranteed? No. Admission and the fellowship to pursue this training pathway must be granted by the MSTP program of your medical school and the steering committee of the NIH MSTP partnership. The NIH GPP will work with your medical school and its MSTP to make sure the details of this program are accurately communicated.

Can I apply for the NIH MSTP even if I was previously not accepted by the MSTP at my medical school in a previous admissions cycle? Yes. Because the funding for NIH students is a supplement to the regular program, you may be accepted by the MSTP program even if you had not gotten in before in a previous admissions cycle. However, in a particular admissions cycle, a student should apply to the MD/PhD training program at a particular medical school if he/she wants to be considered for the partnership pathway.

I am enrolled in a medical school that does not currently receive NIH MSTP funding. Can I still participate in this program? If accepted into a GPP program, you can participate in combined degree training activities and receive funding for Ph.D. Training. There is currently no mechanism for distributing funding for the medical school portion of the training to schools not receiving an MSTP grant, though we hope to add this in the future. Loans and scholarships for this may be available through your medical school.