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*Medical Honors Program*

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Medical Honors Program Class of 2023

# UF COM Admissions



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## *Agenda*

- 5:30-5:50pm: Program Overview  
Peter Sayeski
- 5:50-6:15pm: Application Step-by-Step  
Danielle Thomas
- 6:15-6:30pm: Advice from UF Pre-Health  
Advisor, Claudine Tolbert
- 6:30-6:45pm: MHP Class of 2023
- 6:45-7:00pm: Q&A Everyone



- Established in 1972, the Medical Honors Program (formerly the JHMP) is an early-acceptance program for UF COM
- It is a seven year B.S./M.D. degree program enrolling up to 16 new students per year



- Students earn their BS degree at the end of the first year of Medical School

## ***Who is Eligible?***

- **2nd year undergraduates** at 4 year science-degree granting institutions
- Science GPA of 3.7+
- US Citizens or Permanent Residents



## ***Who are we looking for?***

- Aspiring leaders
- Those that are intellectually curious
- Those that serve others
- Good medical experience / patient contact
- Maturity and professionalism
- A diverse population of students





***The MHP is....***

***Leadership in the Field of Medicine...***

- Academics
- Research
- Service



# *Curriculum*

## Fall Courses

- Cell Biology
- Medical Humanities  
& Clinical Care
- Aspects of Medicine

## Spring Courses

- Pharmacology
- Translational Neuro
- Global Health

## Other Requirements

- At least 15 credits per semester
- Complete Undergraduate Courses Associated with B.S. /minor
- Volunteering & Reflective Writing of that
- Leadership Training
- Formalized Patient Exposure

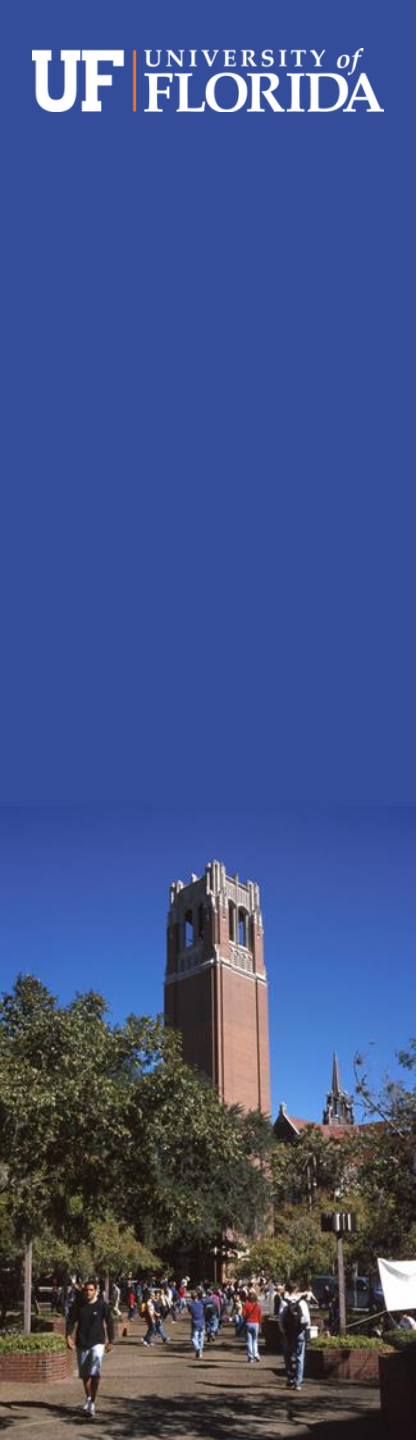




# ***Research***

- Biomedical, Clinical, Translational Research
- Patient Safety And Quality
- Health Outcomes and Policy
- Local And Global Health Equity
- Promoting Resilience in Medicine
- Medical Humanities
- Medical Education

***\*\*Writing a research thesis is required\*\****



## ***Volunteer Service***

- Equal Access Clinic Network
- Haven Hospice
- Ronald McDonald House
- Footprints
- Dream Team
- ESOL
- Community Clinics
- Grace Marketplace Shelter
- AIDS/HIV Assistance
- Others...



## ***Expectations for MHP Students***

- Maintain 3.7 minimum UF COM/MHP GPA.
- Disseminate your research to others.
- Continue substantive medical volunteering.
- Represent MHP.
  - MHP Ambassador Program
  - MHP Alumni Development
- Become a young leader in the field of medicine via strong academics, being intellectually curious, and serving others.



## *Transition to UF COM*

The College of Medicine strives to improve health care in Florida, our nation, and the world through excellence and consistently superior leadership in education, clinical care, discovery, and service.

### UF COM Admissions Mission Statement

We desire to recruit and matriculate the **brightest** students who are **intellectually curious**, have a **strong work ethic** and a deep commitment to **humanism** and **service**. In so doing we will train the next generation of **caring, compassionate**, and **culturally competent** medical professionals, be they practitioners, researchers and/or teachers.

## Transition to UF COM

### Layered Curriculum:

- Patient Centered → Patient Exposure- early and often
- Science of health/disease- in clinical & public health context
- Systems Based- relative to real patient scenarios
- Clinical Skills- integrated throughout training





## UF COM Community

- Pass/Fail
- Family Atmosphere
- Collaborative Learning Groups



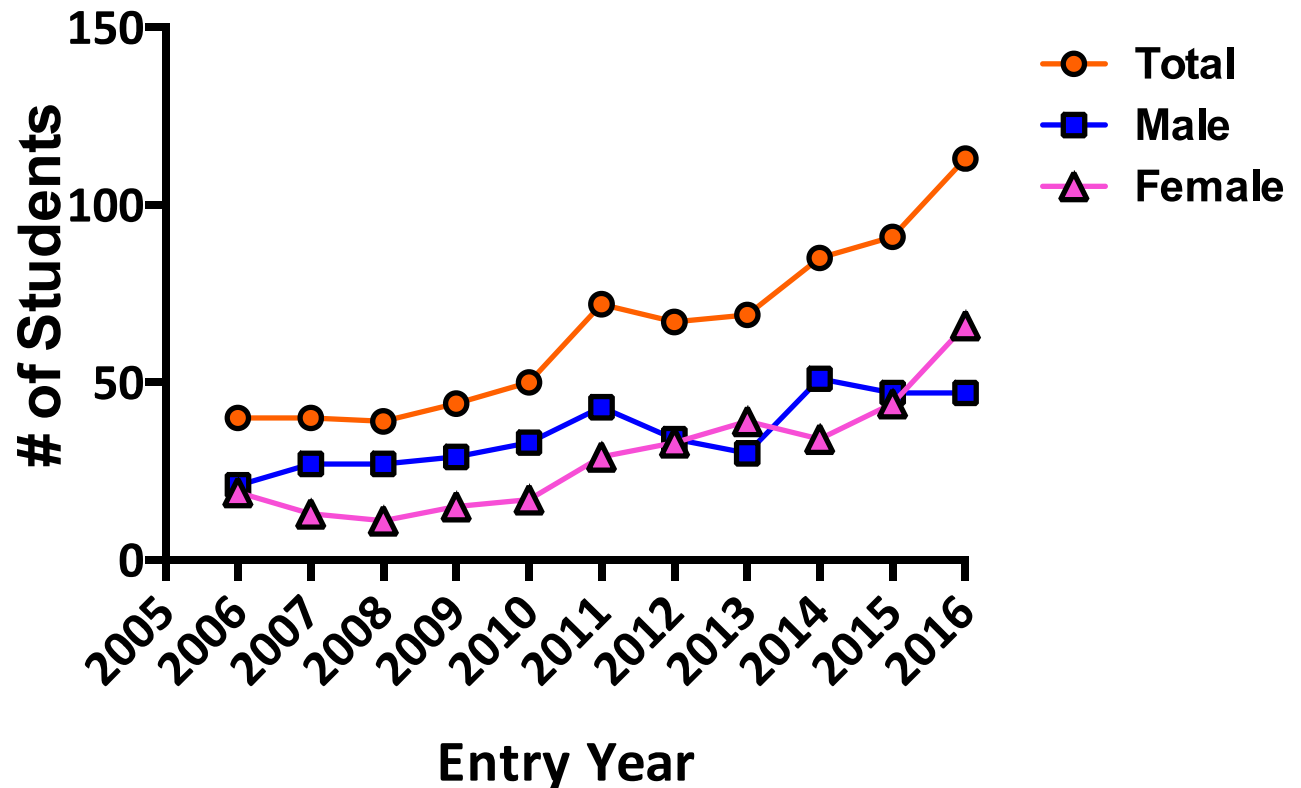
- Mentoring & Advising
- Counseling & Wellness
- Work/Life Balance
- Learning Specialist





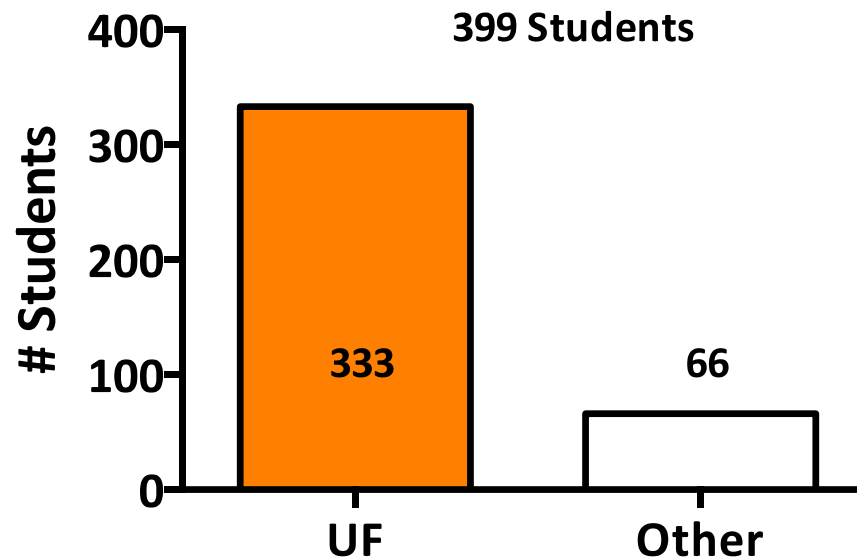
## *Who do we get?*

### MHP Admissions 2006-2016: Completed Secondary Applications



## *Who do we get?*

### MHP Entry 1985-2016: Undergraduate Institution



$66/399 = 16.5\%$  from other Institutions

## ***2018 application numbers....***



- **133 Completed Applications**
- **36 Selected for Interview**
- **15 students accepted**

# **Applying to the Medical Honors Program 2019-2020**

**University of Florida  
College of Medicine  
Class of 2024**



# Application Cycle

- Mid-Dec: Application available on the MHP website
- Mid-Jan:
  - Application Information Session
  - MHP-led application workshop
- Feb 15: Application & Letters due
- March/April: Interviews scheduled
- After May 14: Acceptances announced after spring grades post







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Welcome MHP Class of 2023!

We are pleased to welcome to the Medical Honors Program, and the UF COMM Community, our Class of 2023!  
Mohammed Ali Mallika Bhatta Dionne Blake Phoebe Jin  
Matthew Johnson [...]

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Overview

The Medical Honors Program (MHP), formerly Junior Honors Medical Program (JHMP), is an accelerated 7 Year B.S./M.D. program offered by the University of Florida. Admission is open to all possible candidates who are United States citizens or permanent residents.

The program is intended for undergraduate students who have demonstrated superior scholastic ability, commitment to serving others and personal development during their first two academic years of enrollment at a 4 year accredited science-degree-granting institution, and who are dedicated to pursuing medicine as a career. When accepted to this program, a student secures a place in medical school at the University of Florida College of Medicine as long as the MHP requirements are completed and academic

Announcements

- The MHP application deadline has passed. Nevertheless, we appreciate you visiting our website. We invite you to review the sections of this site. Contact us at [med-admissions@ufl.edu](mailto:med-admissions@ufl.edu) with any questions you may have.
- Interested in where UF College of Medicine grads match? Check out the Residency List for the Class of 2018 [here!](#)
- New research associated with our fantastic faculty member, Mark Segal, MD, PhD! Learn more about a new low for healthy blood pressure, [here.](#)
- SuccessTMS announces addition of Florida native and former JHMP student, Dr. Lindsay Israel, MD to their transcranial magnetic stimulation



# Application

*Change from previous years:*

*\*1 application: combined primary + secondary\**

- Opens mid-Dec, closes in mid-Feb.
- Basic eligibility:
  - Second year full-time on-campus (post-HS)
  - US Citizenship or Permanent Residency
  - 3.7 Science/Math & Overall GPA
  - Prereqs: 2 semesters each
    - General Bio w/ Lab; General Chem w/ Lab; Organic Chem w/ Lab (Organic II usually in progress)
    - 3000 level science-major course - Genetics, Micro, etc



# Application

- **Based on AMCAS + UF COM Secondary:**
  - Biographical & Demographic Information
  - Personal Statement
  - Experiences
  - Short Reflective Essays
  - 3 Letters of Recommendations
  - Deadline: February 15, 2019
- *Interviews*
  - March/April
- *Decisions*
  - Mid-May, pending Spring grades





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Login Name

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# TEST MODE

## NEW APPLICANT

### Create Account

Login / Email Address

First Name

Last Name

Password

- Must be at least 6 characters
- Must contain at least one lower case letter, one upper case letter, one digit and one special character
- Valid special characters are - !@#\$%^&+.

Confirm Password

Create Account

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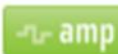
## New User Verification

Email Address

Verify User



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Name - Please use sentence case when entering your name:

Legal First Name: Kevin

Legal Middle Name:

Legal Last Name: Zhou

Other Name

Name as it may appear on other required documents

UFID Number (U of Florida students only):

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

Gender:

## Local Mailing Address

(Please avoid using P.O. boxes if possible)

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

Country:

County:

City:

State/Province:

## Permanent Address

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

Country:

County:

City:

State/Province:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Please enter your country code and telephone (numeric only). If your country code is shorter than three characters, place one or more zeros at the beginning.

Please [click here](#) for a detailed explanation of the choices below.

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What is your race? (Select one or more of the following five categories.)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Black or African American

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ White

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## Biographical Information

## Parent/Guardian Information

Name	Occupation	Living	Residence	Edu Level	School Name	Gender		
Mrs. Cellucci	Mother	Yes	FL	PhD	Harvard	Female	Edit	Delete
Mr. Celluci	Father	Yes	FL	PhD	UF COM	Male	Edit	Delete
Tony Smith	Professor	Yes	Florida	Masters	USF	Male	Edit	Delete

[+ Add Another Parent Guardian Information](#)

## Sibling Information

Age	Gender		
16	Male	Edit	Delete

[+ Add Another Sibling Information](#)

## Alumni Information

Did either of your parents graduate from the UF College of Medicine?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "yes," please list their names and year of graduation:

Name	Graduation Year		
Mr. Cellucci	1990	Edit	Delete
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Outside of your parents, are you related to a graduate or current student of the UF College of Medicine?

## Coursework

Please check "yes" for the coursework you are currently enrolled in. Enter credits as numbers with no more than 2 decimal points on a 1-4 scale; such as 3 or 3.50. Enter grades either as a decimal from a 1-4 scale, or as a capital letter: A+/-, B+/-, C+/-, D+/-, E, F, W or N/A (for future coursework).

Please refer to the [AMCAS Application Course Classification Guide](#) for guidance regarding the coursework you list below.

Institution	Course Name	Course Number	Subject	In Progress	Credits	Grade	Year	Semester	
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University of Pittsburgh	Kinesthiology	K101	OTH	No	3	A	2017	Fall	Edit
University of Pittsburgh	Biology I	B101	BIO	No	3	B	2017	Spring	Edit

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# Experiences

**Include high school + undergrad**

- Research
- Internships
- Community service
- Clinical volunteering
- Club involvement
- Employment
- Hobbies/Interests

**What was your role? What did you learn?**

- *Leadership*
- Brief paragraph
- S.T.A.R. (Situation/Task, Action, Reflection/Result)



# Essays

## Personal Statement

- Should tell us something about you as a person
- Personal story about what led you to the calling of medicine and to the MHP
- Not just a summary of your experiences - we get that from your experiences ;)

## Supplemental Essays

- 250-500 words
- Self-insight → Extrovert vs. Introvert
- Consider two stories of patient experiences, qualities of physicians
- Additional Information (optional)
  - Your call: further explanation on any topic, bio, coursework, activities, etc.



# Letters of Recommendation

- Identify at least 3 (2 science professors, 1 character reference)
- High school science teacher or research mentor can sub for 1 science professor
- Up to 2 additional letters okay; max 5
- Letters must be submitted online *by the recommender* to your application
- You must communicate to recommenders: Letterhead, date and signature *required*





# Letters of Recommendation

- Add recommenders within application
- An email will be sent with instructions
- Recommend waiving right to see letters

## Add Recommendation Provider

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

University or Company:

Phone:

Email:

Confirm Email:

Relationship to you

Do you wish to waive your right to examine this letter of recommendation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Privacy laws permit students to view letters of recommendation submitted with their application and maintained by the university. Students may also waive that right if they choose. If you do not waive the right to view this recommendation letter, then you have access to this recommendation letter if you are admitted and enroll in the program of admission. Letters of recommendation will not be released to the applicant.

Add

Cancel

# Prior to Submitting...

- *Check your eligibility!*
- **Combined application means:**
  - More time to complete, *but*
  - Applicants are responsible for understanding requirements
  - Eligibility verified prior to interview invitation (not prior to application)
  - \$30 – no refunds
  - FAFSA “on-time” deadline: **12/15/18**  
*(all applicants must add UF for aid consideration)*



# Interviews

- Interview invitations will be sent in early-mid March/early April
- Interviews held in late March and April
- 3 sessions per applicant
  - 2 one-hour interviews with members of the Medical Student Interview Committee
  - 30 minutes, small group, with a Collaborative Learning Activity
- Lunch with current Medical Honors students



# Interviews

- **Be yourself. Are you the person represented in your application?**
- **Interview are open file. *Anything* in your application is open for discussion.**
- **Can you think on your feet?**
- **How well do you know the profession?**
- **Maturity, professionalism.**
- **Mock interviews!**



# Application/Admission Tips

## Get help!

- Consult with your Pre-Health Advisors
- Have others read your essays
- Have the current MHP students look over your applications → MHP Ambassadors
- Arrange a mock interview

<http://www.advising.ufl.edu/pre-health/>





## Advice from Your UF Pre-Health Advisors! MHP Year

Individualized academic plans

- Complete UF COM pre-reqs
- Complete major, college and university requirements – foreign language proficiency if in CLAS
- MHP seminars count as major required courses for LS-IBM
- 15 credits of academically rigorous courses



## Majors

Complete by end of MHP year

- Current
- Biology
- IDS-Basic Biological and Medical Sciences (IBM)
- Possible double major with IBM and current (non-science) major



# Good Luck from the Medical Honors Program Class of 2023!



# Questions?

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