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MD/PhD Resources

The United States was the first country to adopt the MD/PhD dual degree, over 30 years ago. By the latest count (and the number is climbing steadily), 123 U.S. programs offer dual degrees. About 80% of MD/PhDs work in academic medical centers, of which 25% are faculty in basic science and 75% are faculty in clinical departments.

- **InTransit** - www.mdphds.org

When he began to evaluate MD/PhD programs, Prabhjot Dhadialla was surprised to find that very little information was available, especially information presented from a student's (or prospective student's) perspective. So he created the website *InTransit*, which includes a guide to MD/PhD programs, an FAQ, and a series of reviews of 23 MD/PhD programs and interview experiences. A helpful guidebook can be found here: www.intransit.us/guidebook.

- **AAMC** - www.aamc.org

AAMC maintains a database of programs, searchable by school and by the degrees they offer. Want to know what institutions offer a particular degree, i.e., an MD/PhD degree in neuroscience? You'll find the answer in AAMC's school and program list: <http://services.aamc.org/currdir/section3/start.cfm>.

- **MD/PhD Program Directors Association** - www.aamc.org/research/dbr/mdphd

Buried within the AAMC site but not officially a part of it sits the website of the MD/PhD Program Directors Association. The directors keep their own list, alphabetical by state, which can be found here: www.aamc.org/research/dbr/mdphd/programs.htm. Another great resource on the program directors' site is an FAQ in PDF format, intended for prospective MD/PhD students: www.aamc.org/research/dbr/mdphd/applicantfaq.pdf.

- **MSTP** - www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/InstPredoc/PredocDesc-MSTP.htm

The Medical Science Training Program (MSTP) is an initiative of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), one of NIH's key institutes. MSTP provides funding to about one-third of the 123 MD/PhD programs. Students admitted to MSTP receive full tuition, stipend, and insurance. U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible for MSTP funding.

- **Social Science & Humanities MD/PhD Programs** -

http://www.physicianscientists.org/Training_Programs/SSH/

New website by the American Physician Scientist Association (APSA) with the goal of creating a centralized place for information on Social Science and Humanities MD/PhD programs. Ten SSH MD/PhD programs are listed with information provided by a student or alum from each program.

- **Pre-MSTP Forum on Student Doctor** -

<http://forums.studentdoctor.net/forumdisplay.php?s=550f743daa90a923007885fcee4daf26&daysprune=&forumid=32>

This Discussion forum, hosted by studentdoctor.net, allows undergraduate students to discuss their experiences and exchange information about MD/PhD programs.