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please visit icahn.mssm.edu/flexmed.

Application submissions deadline: January 15

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FlexMed

Academic freedom and
individualized learning for
21st century medicine

At **Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**, our educational foundation is based on a set of values that provides our students with the knowledge, attitude, and support they need to become the next generation of change agents in medicine and biomedical science. For half a century, our forward-thinking educational philosophy has proven successful—Icahn School of Medicine is ranked as a top 20 medical school nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report* and our institution and graduates are known the world over for integrity, discovery, altruism, clinical excellence, and a commitment to social justice.

Building on our tradition of progressive education, and in response to major societal changes in the priorities of biomedical science and health care, Icahn School of Medicine is the first medical school in the United States to drive a fundamental shift in pre-medical education by offering early assurance of acceptance to college sophomores from any major, with no MCAT requirement. Up to half of each entering class will consist of students accepted through this unique approach to pre-med preparation.

Left: The class of 2016 recited an original oath created by the students and faculty at Icahn School of Medicine to uphold the health of society and the communities they serve.

Cover: Students gain clinical skills through the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership.



“FlexMed allows talented students with lots of initiative to ‘flex’ their intellectual, creative, humanistic and scientific muscles during college, unencumbered by traditional pre-med requirements and the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).”

David Muller, MD
Marietta and Charles C. Morehand Chair
in Medical Education
Dean for Medical Education

Students getting hands-on learning
experience in a Pathology lab.



From Argentina to Uganda, East Harlem to India, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai works to improve the health of underserved populations by training tomorrow's leaders in global health.

From day one, students learn in a variety of settings – from lectures and labs to field work and research presentations.

About *FlexMed*

The *FlexMed* program is open to all undergraduates. The three broad academic categories we look for are Humanities and Social Sciences, Computational Sciences and Engineering, and Biomedical Sciences. However, we are interested in talented students from all areas of study, including Physics; Mathematics; Computer Science; Public Health and Policy; Psychology; Global Health; the Arts; Biochemistry; Genetics; Molecular and Cell Biology; and Neuroscience. Once accepted, students will be free to pursue their area of study, unencumbered by the traditional science requirements and MCAT.



FlexMed builds on the success of Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai's Humanities and Medicine (HuMed) program, which in 1987 was the first program in the United States to offer early assurance of acceptance to sophomores with a humanities background. Data from the HuMed program shows that these graduates perform as well as their classmates in areas such as honors grades in clerkships, class ranking, research and publications, school leadership, and community service.

How to Apply to *FlexMed*

Students who are interested in *FlexMed* must apply during their sophomore year of college. Applicants must have completed either one year of Chemistry, Biology, or Physics. Letters of acceptance will be mailed out by the summer of applicants' sophomore year.

Icahn School of Medicine is a highly competitive institution with the goal of preparing physicians and scientists to enter the medical field as informed advocates and activists ready to advance research and clinical care. We expect our applicants to have a strong educational background, outstanding values and personal attributes, and the ability to articulate their passion and commitment to a career using science in the service of society.



For more information,
contact admissions at
admissions@mssm.edu
or 212-241-6696.

Application Checklist

The following must be submitted:

- ❑ Completed *FlexMed* Application
- ❑ High School Transcripts
- ❑ College Transcripts
- ❑ SAT/ACT Scores
- ❑ Letters of Recommendation
- ❑ \$110 Application Fee

Important Dates

● Applications open
August 1

● Application submissions deadline
January 15

● Acceptances sent
July 1

Students who are accepted to *FlexMed* must adhere to the requirements below before matriculation.

❑ Complete their Bachelor's Degree from their current college/university

❑ Minimum of

- One year of Biology
- One year of Chemistry
- One year of English
- One semester of Physics (or AP Physics with a score of 4 or higher)
- Two semesters of lab in any science
- One semester of Health Policy, Public Health, or Global Health
- One semester of Ethics
- One semester of Statistics

❑ Experiences

- A senior thesis or equivalent in an area of academic concentration
- An in-depth exposure to human illness
- Proficiency in Spanish or Mandarin encouraged

❑ Summer Enrichment Program

Five weeks prior to matriculation, *FlexMed* students who have not had advanced science courses will be required to participate in a Summer Enrichment Program, providing basic competency in cell and molecular biology, biochemistry, organic chemistry, and embryology.



Location, Location, Location

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai is located in New York City, one of the most dynamic and exciting cities in the world. Our school borders the Upper East Side, which is among the most affluent neighborhoods in the country, and East Harlem, which is one of the most medically underserved. Beginning the very first day of medical school, our students work side by side with our doctors to serve the most diverse patient population in the country.

The MD Program combines the most progressive, technologically advanced, scientifically based education with the goal of meeting societal health care needs locally and globally. We explicitly blur the traditional distinction between pre-clinical and clinical years by integrating the basic sciences across courses, as well initiating students into the clinical environment from the very first day of school.

