

Johns Hopkins Doctoral Diversity Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am an international student. Am I eligible for the DDP?

ANSWER: Our program is only open to U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents.

2. Is there a cost to DDP scholars who are selected for the program?

ANSWER: There is no 'fee' or 'tuition' for the program, rather, accepted DDP scholars are provided with an annual stipend of (currently) \$30,000/year.

3. When are applications due?

ANSWER: The application cycle will open in November each year and applications will be due in February of the following year. The specific dates will be posted to our website via the link to the application portal.

4. I need to take pre-requisites for applying to medical school. Is the DDP a good fit for me?

ANSWER: No. The DDP is not a program designed for students who need to complete medical school pre-requisites. Rather, the DDP is a research-focused post-baccalaureate program.

5. I understand that the DDP is usually a 2-year program, but I am only looking to spend one 'gap year' prior to applying to medical/graduate school. Am I eligible for the DDP?

ANSWER: Yes. We have had several scholars to only spend 1 year in the program.

6. What makes for a competitive DDP application?

ANSWER: A strong record of academic achievement, a clear interest in research and career goals that align with the focus of the DDP.

7. For selected DDP scholars, how are they paired with a research mentor? Do they get to choose?

ANSWER: DDP scholars are mentored by Johns Hopkins faculty in the Schools of Medicine (most often), and Public Health. We have a research mentor matching process for accepted scholars that involves 'lab rotations' based upon interests of the scholars, and the final matching occurs based upon mutual agreement between the scholar and mentor.