Instructions to Graduate Application in Slate
Biomedical Sciences MS -
Gateways to Medicine and Research
UMN Medical School, Duluth campus

Slate is an application system used by various graduate programs across the UMN system. For this, not all parts of the application are required for the BMS MS program.

Please complete your application to the BMS MS (Gateways MS program) using this guide.

Remember, applications will not be reviewed until all required materials are successfully submitted. For questions regarding the application process for this degree, please contact the Gateways Program at gateways@d.umn.edu or call +1 (218) 726-8551.

Please note:

- This program does not accept requests for credit for prior learning.
- You may use this checklist from the University of Minnesota Medical School to ensure you have the necessary prerequisites.

Create an Account or Log In and apply.

Sections of the Application:

- **Program Selection**
  - Campus - Select Duluth
  - Program - Select “Biomedical Sciences (Gateways to Medicine and Research) – Medical Track *or* Research Track - MS”

**Please note: International students who have completed undergraduate studies abroad are welcome to apply to the Research Track, but we do not recommend applying to the Medical Track.*

- **Term Selection**
  - Medical Track: Select "Summer (start Year)" - starting Summer Session II on the first Monday of July
    OR
  - Research Track: Select "Fall (start Year)" - Start of the Fall semester
  - See official dates in the UMN Duluth Academic Calendar

- **Biographical Information** - complete these sections

- **Personal Background** - complete these sections

- **Academic History**
  - Add institution and upload unofficial transcripts for now
    - UMN students can access unofficial transcripts via MyU
    - If unofficial transcripts are unavailable, official transcripts must be sent directly from the undergraduate institution to gsquest@umn.edu (Graduate Admissions Office in the Twin Cities)
    - Do not send transcripts to the Gateways Office

- **Employment** - complete this section

- Test Scores - nothing to upload here

- **Materials**:
  - **Personal Statement**: Required - Please describe your motivation and passion for the field, highlighting your relevant academic and professional background, research or clinical experience, and personal qualities that reflect your core values. Share your career goals, vision for the future, and explain how they align with the Gateways program (maximum 500 words.)

  - **Diversity Statement**: Required - *Different than the Personal Statement.* Diversity of views and experiences (DOVE) is fundamental to the University's mission, and the UMN faculty, staff and students share responsibility for the collective achievement of this goal. Please describe the distinctive perspectives of life experiences, such as successfully overcoming obstacles or hardships, that you would bring to our graduate program. Describe how these perspectives

or life experiences could contribute to the education and enhanced perspective of fellow students at the UMN (maximum 500 words.)

- **Resume/CV**: Required. Please, provide clear information about relevant items, including research, teaching, volunteering, and/or clinical experiences: dates, supervisors, roles. Make sure to include all research presentations, either posters of oral, at local, regional or national conferences or symposia.

- **Research Description**: Recommended - Briefly describe any past research experience, publications, presentations, accomplishments, and future research interests (maximum 500 words.)

- **MCAT score** - Required for Medical Track - upload either a previous official AAMC score or a recent free full-length practice exam, i.e. Kaplan free MCAT Practice Test, or MCAT Official Prep Practice Exam 1 (Free). Make sure your name, the date and the score are visible.

- **Recommendations**: Required - 1 academic reference. We suggest providing at least two names in case your primary reference is unresponsive or you are applying close to the deadline.

- **Confirmation and Signature**
  - No changes can be made to the application after submission. Contact us at gateways@d.umn.edu if you need to add or change materials.

After submitting the application, you will be prompted to submit payment.

- $75 domestic applicants, $95 international applicants
- The Graduate School is a member of the Big 10 Academic Alliance (BTAA) which is designed to increase access to graduate education. For more information, please visit the GSDO fee waiver program.
- *Before completing payment:* The Gateways MS Program has its own application fee waiver program available to all applicants who possess qualities and experiences that enhance the diversity of the intellectual, cultural, and social environment at the UMN. Please contact the program office at gateways@d.umn.edu to request the waiver.

The application cycle opens in late September.
Applications are reviewed by the Gateways Admissions Committee on a monthly basis from January through the end of May.

The Recommended Deadline is Wednesday, April 15, and the Final Deadline is in late May. You can see specific deadlines in the submission form.

Once apps are reviewed, Slate will generate an email instructing you to log into the University of Minnesota Graduate Application system to view and/or accept your decision letter. Be sure to remember your username and password.

Admitted applicants may request a deferral of their admission to graduate study for up to one year without reapplying. If the deferral is approved and the student does not start within the one year period, the applicant must reapply.