

## Medical School Loan's Top Medical School Profiles: Harvard Medical School

**Medical School Loans** is dedicated to helping students obtain the best medical education possible. To assist you in planning and making college choices, we provide information on the top medical graduate schools in the country. This article will profile **Harvard Medical School (HMS)**, which was ranked #1 by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2008 announcement.

### History and Influence

Harvard Medical School was established 1782 in Boston. Today, it is recognized world-wide for its extensive educational program, as well as advancements in medicine. HMS has produced two Nobel Prize Winners and twelve Nobel laureates, including the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize to Joseph E. Murray (with E. Donnall Thomas), who developed organ and cell transplant procedures for humans.

Other major discoveries include the 1954 development of tissue-culture study methodology which was applied to the study of viral diseases such as Polio. In 2004, HMS helped to explain humans' sense of smell when they discovered odorant receptors and the organization of the olfactory system.

The tradition continues. Harvard receives billions of dollars every year in research grants. The advanced research that takes place at Harvard Medical School, is on the cutting edge of scientific discovery.

### Harvard's Medical Program

Harvard Medical School specializes in a number of medical sciences, clinics and programs including:

- Ambulatory Care and Prevention
- Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology
- Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Health Care Policy
- Microbiology and Molecular Genetics
- Neurobiology
- Pathology
- Social Medicine
- Systems Biology

- 48 hospital-based clinical departments
- 29 Research and clinical centers
- Harvard Clinical Research Institute
- The Armenise-Harvard Foundation
- Harvard Medical International manages 50 programs in 30 countries
- Affiliated with 18 hospitals and research institutions domestically

HMS is highly regarded internationally. It enrolls about 166 students a year and accepts about a dozen MD and PhD medical students, entering after their first year of study. There are currently 711 students attending HMS.

## Admissions

Getting into Harvard Medical School requires the highest academic requirements and personal qualifications. Their website lists the following minimum requirements for admission:

- Predictive measures of success in the study and practice of medicine by way of presented intellectual and personal credentials.
- B.S. in biological and physical sciences supported by a broad education that includes at least 16 hours of study in the humanities and social sciences.
- Pass the MCAT with a composite score of 11.7 or better (*U.S. News & World Report*).
- Demonstration of participation in extracurricular activities, research, and community-service in the field of health care.
- Acceptance rate: 4.7%.

Additionally, HMS has a policy of diversity and inclusion. The school focuses on admitting students from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds and underrepresented communities.

To review all admissions information, visit:

<http://hms.harvard.edu/admissions/default.asp?page=requirements>.

## 2007 Costs

In-State Tuition: \$37,200

Out-of-State Tuition: \$40,279

Required fees: \$3,079

Room and board: \$11,005

(Source: *U.S. News & World Report*)

## Financial Aid

HMS offers multiple financial aid options to its students ranging from need-based fellowships and loans to non-need based federal and private loans. Educational funding is

offered to all HMS students. For more details, visit:  
<http://hms.harvard.edu/admissions/default.asp?page=costs>

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