



## MD/PhD Program

### MD/PhD Committee 2018 Annual Report

#### **Current Members:**

Jan Burt, PhD; Charles Hsu, MD, PhD; Rajesh Khanna, PhD; Christina Laukaitis, MD, PhD, FACP; Prabir Roy-Chaudhury, MD, PhD; Linda Restifo MD, PhD; Jil Tardiff, MD, PhD, Gregory Woodhead MD, PhD; Shannon Collins MD/PhD student

The Committee met on August 30, 2018 to discuss the vision and mission of the program based on feedback from the Program Director. Plans were made for roll out of the recruitment season for the 2019 class.

#### **Procedural changes implemented this year:**

- MD/PhD Committee members will utilize the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) for reviewing and scoring applicants.
- Committee members will be assigned a subcommittee and that group will review and score their designated candidates.
- No more than 30 candidates from will receive interview invitations.

The Committee reviewed 64 candidate applications and met on September 14<sup>th</sup> to decide who to extend interview invitations. At that meeting, 25 applicants were chosen to invite to interview. Our interview sessions were scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. A recap session will be schedule for the first week of November.

The Augmented Admissions Committee was established in previous years by the Office of the Program Director to include standing members of the MD/PhD Committee, standing members of the College of Medicine Admissions Committee and faculty with previous experience working with physician scientist admissions.

#### **Current augmented committee members include:**

Heddwen Brooks, PhD; Jorge Gomez, MD, PhD; Tejal Parikh, MD

#### **2017-2018 Applicant Analysis**

- **Total MD/PhD applicants: 130**
  - a. Average applicant GPA was 3.61
  - b. Average applicant MCAT score was 508
- **From the total applicants, 27 were selected for interview**
  - a. Average candidate GPA was 3.80
  - b. Average candidate MCAT score was 510
- **From the 27 candidates interviewed, 8 were extended offers.**
- **From the 8 candidates extended offers, 5 accepted.**
  - a. However, 1 candidate declined after accepting, and the 5<sup>th</sup> MD/PhD student was added to our program from the MD MS1 university pool.