CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY

- Sophomore or above at a 4-year university. You are eligible if you have graduated from a 4-year university.
- Students who, by reason of their culture, class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, background, work and life experiences, and/or skills and interests would bring diversity (broadly defined) to graduate study in medicine and biological sciences
- Demonstrated interest in pursuing a MD-PhD in the biosciences (i.e. prior scientific research experience or intent to participate in research in the upcoming academic year)
- Completed application submitted by the deadline (January 10, 2020)
- Must be available for the entire program (from March 18-21, 2020)
- Note: in general, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher will be competitive for this program. However, applicants with GPA below 3.0 may still apply; applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis, incorporating relevant information from the essay responses which might explain lapses in academic performance.
Opportunities through BOOST:
- Longitudinal guidance from a current student
- Networking with faculty and MD-PhD students
- Mock interviews for MD-PhD admissions
- Personalized assistance with professional documents (e.g. CV, etc.)
- Lab tours

Application Requirements:
- Copy of an unofficial transcript (official transcripts will be required later for students who are accepted into the program)
- One letter of recommendation (a second letter is optional)
- Resume/CV
- Essay responses on application form

Application Logistics:
Applicants who wish to be considered for both Stanford MSTP BOOST and Stanford ADVANCE AUI can apply to both programs using a single application link.
Please note your preference of the two programs. You may use the same letter of recommendation for both applications.

About BOOST (Bridge to Opportunity, Support, and Training):
Stanford MSTP BOOST (previously named MD-PhD Preview) aims to boost underrepresented minorities’ opportunity to pursue the physician-scientist career and equip undergraduates with tools for successful MSTP applications.
Prospective MD-PhD students selected for BOOST will attend the program during March 18-21, 2020. The events connect them to the Stanford community and build their professional skills required for the MD-PhD admissions process. Program participants receive overnight accommodations, meals, travel to and from Stanford, and free access to the full schedule of events.
Stanford MSTP BOOST pairs each prospective student with a current MSTP student, who guides them throughout their quest to MD-PhD admission. Stanford MSTP BOOST is sponsored by the Stanford School of Medicine, MSTP, Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, and Biosciences.