STANFORD MSTP BOOST
(Bridge to Opportunity, Support, and Training)
April 7-9th, 2021

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CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY

- Sophomore or above at a 4-year university; graduates of 4-year programs not in PhD programs are also eligible.
- 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, 2021)
- Must be available for the entire program (from April 7-9, 2021)
- 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.

STANFORD MEDICINE
About BOOST (Bridge to Opportunity, Support, and Training):

Stanford MSTP BOOST 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 our virtual program during April 7-9th, 2021. The events connect them to the Stanford community and build their professional skills required for the MD-PhD admissions process. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we provided a campus visit with fully funded travel, accommodations, and meals was offered. This year, we will offer a full schedule of events remotely and virtually. 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.

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

Opportunities through BOOST:

- Longitudinal guidance from a current student
- Virtual networking with MD/PhD faculty and students
- Virtual mock interviews for MD-PhD admissions
- Virtual personalized assistance with professional documents (e.g. CV, essays)
- Virtual lab tours

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.

To apply, please visit Stanford MSTP MD-PhD website (med.stanford.edu/mstp.html). Application Deadline Jan 10, 2021