

Mini Medical University FAQ's Page

Do I get into my 1st choice of MMU sessions if I am accepted?

We try to accommodate preferences and scheduling as best as possible, but cannot guarantee choice of sessions. Students benefit most if they attend all 5 days, and we encourage you to only rank weeks that students can attend the complete programming.

My child is very interested in healthcare, but does not meet the age/school year recommendations for MMU. Do you accept younger or older applicants?

We will still consider younger high school students, but do not anticipate letting in older applicants at this time. MMU is targeted to high school students who would not be eligible to complete the regular New Volunteer Orientation or participate in the Clinical Observation program.

Why a Statement of Interest?

Getting to know the applicants a little before they arrive for their first day of MMU will help us better facilitate team-building and engage them throughout the week. We look forward to seeing why students are excited to be in the hospital! Please stay close to the 500-word statement cap.

What should our references include in their recommendation letters?

As we consider applications, a few things stick out that we want to know:

- How does this person know you? How long has this reference known you?
- What specifically has the applicant done that demonstrates his or her skills, maturity, strengths and qualifications for the MMU setting?
- Why would you recommend this applicant?

We encourage you to ask your reference before submitting your application packet—that way, when we email them asking for your letter, they can submit the letter in a timely fashion to complete your application materials.

Once I have been accepted to the program, where can I get a TB test?

You have a number of options, as we accept both QuantiFERON-TB Gold tests and Mantoux tuberculin skin tests. Depending on your insurance, it may be cost effective to have testing done by your primary care physician.

You can also contact the St. Joseph County Health Department or a 'minute clinic' and schedule a TB test at their site for a small fee. It is a Mantoux method test, which requires returning to the same office to have it read 48 hours later.

What should I expect when applying for the \$400 scholarship?

Applicants who complete Part IV of the application will be considered for the scholarships and are encouraged to turn in application materials by April 27, 2023. Award recipients will be asked to provide a few short responses after their MMU session to share about their experience in the program.

If our summer plans change, can we receive a refund?

A full refund will be offered to students up until the first day of their session. Uncashed checks will be destroyed and cashed check refunds will be processed by the Accounting department and mailed to the address on the MMU application packet. Credit card payments will be credited back to the payment card. Refunds will not be given to students who begin, but do not finish the week of programming, or who are a 'no call/no show' on the first day of the scheduled MMU Session.

What impact will COVID-19 precautions have on the program operations?

Prior to Sessions A, B and C starting, we will communicate updated safety policies and expectations to students and parents. At all times, we will be abiding by the latest Beacon Health protocols. These could change from session to session as Beacon continues to respond to new information and health data. At this time, disposable masks are required when interacting with patients. In public spaces and non-patient care settings, masking is not required.

Can you remind me of the important dates?

Tuesday, March 14, 2023: Info Night! Applications available to attendees

Week of March 20, 2023: Application available for download via Beacon website

Thursday, April 27, 2023: 1st round applications due; scholarship applicants highly encouraged

Week of May 1, 2023: 1st round of acceptances via email

Applications received after April 27 begin being reviewed on a rolling

basis

Monday, May 22, 2023: Negative TB records due for Session A participants Monday, June 5, 2023: Negative TB records due for Session B participants Negative TB records due for Session C participants

If you have any questions about Mini Medical University or any of the information above, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. Thanks again for your interest!

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