MD/PhD Program Overview

Dr. Alan Underhill
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The MD/PhD program:

D. Alan Underhill, PhD  
Program director
The goal of the MD/PhD program is to provide training towards becoming a clinician-scientist.

To create future leaders in academic biomedical research.
Herceptin pioneer honoured

Dennis Slamon receives honorary degree in recognition of breast cancer research that has saved thousands of lives.

By Michael Brown on June 5, 2015

Dennis Slamon addresses graduands of the faculties of medicine and dentistry, rehabilitation medicine and public health after receiving his honorary doctor of science degree June 5. (Photo: Richard Siemens)
Two paths to the MD/PhD: both require separate admission to MD

Path 1: notify of intent to seek MD/PhD by October 15 of year II; apply November 15 of year II

Path 2: admitted to medical school from graduate program; possibility for direct entry to MD/PhD

PhD at UofA (some exceptions); need not be in FoMD

Upon receipt of MD/PhD, differential tuition fee is reimbursed for years I and II (currently $8,000); additional funding opportunities
WHEN to start the process?

- After discovering you have a passion for research; you’re already taking the critical first step of getting experience

- Already in MD year 1 or 2? Talk to us NOW

- Seeking admission to the MD program? Can provide advice on the MD/PhD, but not involved in the MD admission process

- Options for entering directly from grad school (must first gain admission to med school)
Contact information

- Visit the FoMD MD/PhD program website: www.med.ualberta.ca/research/md-phd
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