

Directions for completing the 2017 MD/PhD Statement of Intent

Cornell HCEC

So that your Letter of Evaluation is as relevant as possible to your medical school applications, the HCEC requests that registrants intending to apply to MD/PhD programs complete a statement regarding their research.

A letter of recommendation from your mentor is highly recommended.

Confirm that applying to MD/PhD programs is your primary intention by completing an MD/PhD Statement of Intent in the space provided. (Maximum of 500 words, less if possible.)

Discuss your reasons for pursuing an MD/PhD program, including how you developed a passion for basic, translational, or clinical research. Your statement should include a description of your involvement in research during your Cornell career (or thereafter): the laboratories/clinics involved, the names and positions of your mentors, description(s) of the hypotheses tested understandable to a non-expert in the field, experimental design, techniques used, the results of the research, and the depth of your involvement in the project(s). List any publication(s) in preparation, in press, or published, on which you are an author. Send a draft or re-print of such publication(s) via Cornell DropBox to HCEC Manager Doug Lockwood (dhl34). Discuss how you (currently) anticipate performing as a physician/scientist after completing your training program.