

**DMD/PhD Program at UAB  
School of Dentistry**

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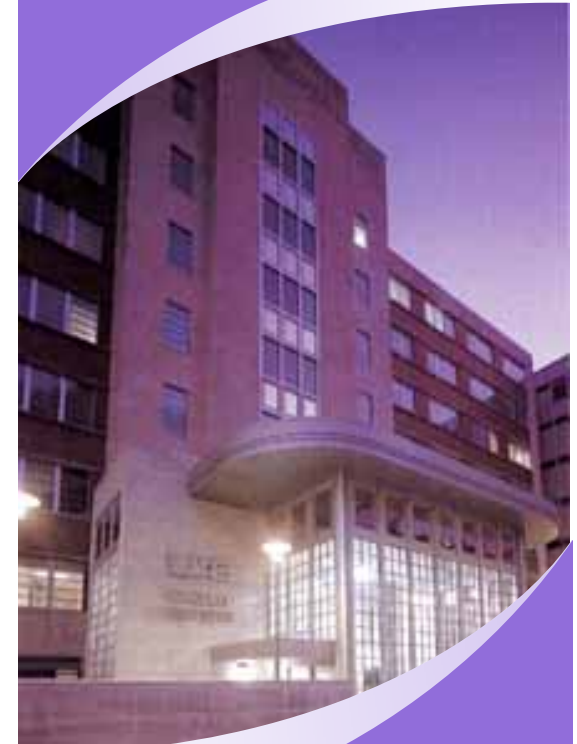
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**The DMD/PhD Program**



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## UAB's DMD/PhD Program

The UAB School of Dentistry DMD/PhD program prepares students for an exciting career in dental academics through an innovative integrated clinician scientist training program. Students in the program are allowed to apply credits earned in both dental and graduate school towards a specialized program earning both a DMD degree and a Ph.D. degree in a biomedical science.

Applicants interested in the DMD/Ph.D. program must have completed an undergraduate degree program (BA or BS) that fulfills all requirements for both dental school and graduate school admissions. Separate applications are submitted to the UAB School of Dentistry (Dr. Steve Filler, Director of Admissions, UAB School of Dentistry, 1919 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, SDB 125, Birmingham, AL 35294-0007) and the UAB Graduate School (1530 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, HUC 511, Birmingham, AL 35294-1150). Students should indicate on the dental school admissions application that they are applying for the DMD/Ph.D. program.

The School of Dentistry DMD/PhD admissions sub-committee will interview the students to ensure that the student's knowledge and motivation for a dental academic career. Candidates will be evaluated based on their academic record, DAT scores, research accomplishments, commitment to a research career, character, and personality traits indicating potential for success in a DMD/PhD program. An acceptable interview makes the student eligible for participation in the program and for admission to the School of Dentistry upon the successful completion of at least two years of graduate school requirements.

### Acceptance:

To be accepted into the program applicants must:

1. Submit a formal application to the UAB School of Dentistry indicating selection of the DMD/PhD program.
2. Submit a formal application to the UAB Graduate School though one of the integrated programs ( Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB) and Interdiscipline Biology Systems (IBS)) or an individual department (Microbiology, Pathology, ....)
3. Successfully taken the Dental Admissions Test (DAT)
4. Have completed all the recommended courses for both dental and graduate school admissions

### Sequence of the DMD/PhD Program:

Completed at least two years of graduate school coursework and requirements including graduate school qualification examinations and dissertation proposal defense maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least a **3.0** By January 1 of second academic graduate school year notify the Dental School Association Dean of Student Affairs and the UAB DMD/Ph.D. advisory committee of the intent to transition to the School of Dentistry curriculum  
Receive a positive recommendation for transition into the dental school's curriculum committee.

### Important Points:

Generally it is anticipated that the DMD and PhD degrees will be awarded within the same year upon competition of all dental and graduate school requirements

Duration of the program is expected to be at least 6.5 years

If a student is accepted into the DMD/PhD program and chooses not to complete the PhD training program, they will be required to re-apply to the School of Dentistry for admission as a traditional DMD candidate.

### Financial Support Opportunities:

Students enrolled in the DMD/PhD training program are eligible for funding through an individual NIDCR supported F-30 Training Award. Detailed information about the F-30 grant application is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-004.html>. This program provides an annual student stipend of \$20,000 per year, a percentage of total tuition costs, a research allowance, and scientific meeting travel funds.

### DMD/PhD Career Opportunities:

Upon completion of the DMD/PhD program students may be qualified for additional post-doctoral training related to their research interests as well as a dental specialty program. Successful completion of the DMD/PhD program and post-graduate training could make the student a viable candidate for a faculty position in academic dentistry. The National Institute of Craniofacial and Dental Research (NIDCR) sponsors a number of institutional or individual grant award programs to provide funding for these types of additional training. Information about these programs can be found on the NIDCR webpage at <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/funding/trainingAndCareerDev.asp>.