



**University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Medical Student Scholars Program (MSSP) Application
Geriatric Medicine Student Scholars (GMSS)**

Purpose: To provide highly motivated students with a unique opportunity to explore geriatric medicine and the care of older adults throughout their four years of medical school.

Design: First-year medical students with specialty interests are encouraged to apply for the respective specialty track in the Medical Student Scholars Program (MSSP). Students accepted into GMSS are engaged in educational experiences to expand fund of knowledge and skill set. The clinical, didactic, service and scholarly activities go above and beyond the required components of the medical school curriculum. Students will participate in a summer research opportunity between years one and two which is geared to engage students in research within the specialty track that will culminate with a goal to publish and/or present their work.

Students who successfully complete all GMSS requirements will have the MSSP distinction mentioned during the award of their medical degree at the College of Medicine’s Honors Day ceremony.

Faculty Mentor: Jeffrey Schlaudecker MD, MEd

GMSS Program Highlights:

- Monthly evening dinner/discussion meetings will include journal club with preassigned readings.
- Faculty Sponsorship to the M1/M2 summer geriatrics program MSTAR (Medical Students Training in Aging Research Program <https://www.afar.org/grants/mstar>)
- M3 or M4 2-week geriatric specialty elective
- M3 or M4 clinical presentation to GMSS group
- Semi-Annual geriatric service project at a local nursing home

GMSS Requirements:

- **Enrollment**
 - Application located in MedOneStop
 - Students selected Fall M1 with activities and research spanning through M4
 - Applications will be evaluated based on prior interest in geriatrics, personal statement, and application, with up to 8 students selected.

- Faculty
 - Dr. Jeffrey Schlaudecker, the Kautz Endowed Chair of Geriatric Medical Education serves as the GMSS director as well as the primary mentor for all GMSS students.

- MSSP Content
 - Each MSSP should provide participating students with an appropriate mix of clinical and didactic experiences, and all activities should relate to the track's area of study. Additionally, students should engage in leadership and service work.

Overall Minimum GMSS Requirements over 4 years

By definition, an “activity” refers to any didactic, clinical, or service/leadership subheading noted below. All time requirements will follow general MSSP requirements.

1. Didactics
 - a. Lectures/ conferences
 - b. Journal club
 - c. Specialty interest group meeting
 - d. MSSP group meetings
 - e. Other
2. Clinical
 - a. Shadowing
 - b. M3 specialty elective
 - c. M4 elective
3. Scholarship
 - a. M1/2 Summer Scholarly Project
4. Service / Leadership
 - a. Volunteer
 - b. Committee Member
 - c. Leadership roles
5. Mentorship
 - a. Annual individual meeting with Dr. Schlaudecker

Minimum MSSP Requirements by Academic Year:

- M1
 - Students should participate in two “activities” per month averaged over a six-month period – any combination of the above didactic, clinical, shadowing, service/leadership.
 - Students are expected to meet a minimum of one time over the course of year one with their mentor

- Summer Experience between M1 and M2
 - Research opportunity during the summer between M1 and M2
 - Minimum of 200 student work hours for research project

- All summer opportunities should culminate in a final project and at minimum be entered in the M2 Fall November Research and Service Symposium and/or M2 Spring research symposium of their choosing
- Students should strive to present at local, regional, or national conferences.
- Students should strive to publish.
- M2
 - Students should participate in two “activities” per month averaged over a six-month time period – any combination of the above didactic, clinical, shadowing, service/leadership.
 - Students are expected to meet a minimum of two times over the course of year two with their mentor.
- M3
 - Students will be required to participate in a two-week specialty elective during M3 (or during M4). Students will be given priority to the specialty elective.
 - Students are expected to meet a minimum of one time over the course of year three with a mentor for research and planning of M4 or residency
- M4
 - Students will complete a minimum of two-week clinical elective in an area related to the MSSP (Neurology, psychiatry, primary care, etc. all should meet this requirement.)

MSSP Honors Notations

- Students who successfully complete all MSSP requirements will have the MSSP distinction mentioned during the award of their medical degree at the College of Medicine’s Honors Day ceremony.
- Students may comment on the noteworthy characteristic of the MSPE of their success with the MSSP
- Students may utilize the honors section of the ERAS application to share their MSSP experience

Tracking Requirements in MedOneStop

Students

- Students will be required to log all MSSP “activities” in MedOneStop.
- By definition, an “activity” refers to any didactic, clinical, or service/leadership subheading noted namely lecture, conference, journal club, specialty interest group meeting, shadowing, committee member, etc.
- Students will be required to document research-related activities such as titles, abstracts, presentations, publications, awards, etc. in MedOneStop.