

MD-PhD Interview Information

Questions to Anticipate:

1. Describe your research.
2. Why are you interested in a combined program, versus one or the other?
3. How do you feel you are prepared to enter an MD-PhD program?
4. Describe your solution to the global warming crisis and Kyoto Treaty.
5. Have you had any leadership positions? Please describe your experience.
6. Do you follow or learn more about neuroscience through texts or primary literature?
7. Please tell me about 2 articles in the past year that were most exciting to you.
8. Tell me your knowledge of the research I am currently involved in.
9. Role play: Act like I am a 5 year old child who has cancer and explain what is wrong with me. Explain it as though I am the child's parent.
10. What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment?
11. Why would you convince someone not to pursue medicine? Despite these reasons, why are you pursuing medicine?
12. Why are you particularly interested in our MD-PhD program?

Challenges to be prepared for...

- Discussing the interviewer's research or research occurring at the school.
- Knowing your own research inside and out.
- Being tested on how you handle difficult questions- answers not necessarily as important as how you handled the question.
- Interviewer pressing you on why a combined program instead of doing research or MD. Which one do you like more?
- Break-up of the program – begin in MD, move to PhD and then back to MD