QBS Masters Program FAQ’S

Application:
- The application portal asks for a general essay and a program specific essay. What is the difference?
  The application package has two sections for essays. The first is titled “Application Essay”. Within this section you will see that it indicates this essay is not required for Quantitative Biomedical Sciences Applicants. You must upload your CV within the Application Essay section. The essay for QBS are located within the Quantitative Biomedical Sciences section. Upload your essay here under MS Applicants.

GRE/GPA/TOEFL/IELTS:
- If we choose to report GRE scores, is self-reporting them in the application enough? Do we need to send official scores if accepted?
  Self-reporting is optional for this application cycle. If you do self-report, you will be required to provide official scores if an offer for acceptance is made to you.
- Are WES evaluations accepted in place of official GRE scores?
  While WES evaluations are accepted in your application as “unofficial” scores, you will need to provide official GRE scores if an offer for acceptance is made to you.
- For the IELTS, do you accept a TRF copy or must come directly from the administering body.
  TRF form is acceptable for application, but official documents are required if an offer is made.
- When would a TOEFL or IELTS score be waived?
  The requirement for either score would be waived if the applicant received a degree from an English-speaking institution.
- I noticed that international students should include class ranking instead of GPA. However, my undergraduate university does not provide a class ranking. I was wondering if it’s acceptable that I attach my transcript with overall GPA.
  Yes, please report your GPA. Many international schools do not have this scale and have class rank instead. Therefore, we only ask that a class rank be reported if a GPA is not provided.

Requirements for admission:
- I was looking at the prerequisites for the Epidemiology program and saw that a programming class was needed, I was wondering what could be used to replace this class.
  Most online intro courses in R or Python would suffice, there is an abundance, "Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are acceptable resources for learning these skills. Here are a few recommendations: EdX, DataCamp, Udacity, Khan Academy, LinkedIn, Lynda.com, swirlstats.com."
  Also acceptable is work or research experience that demonstrates you have programming skills even if it is not listed on their transcript. (i.e. an intensive internship/job/research experience/project that featured programming is equivalent.)
- If some of the coursework required for admissions was completed online (outside the curriculum) is it still considered equivalent to the courses included in the actual curriculum?
  Yes, if documentation that the coursework was completed, and a passing grade can be provided.
- Are there any full tuition scholarships available among merit scholarships offered to approximately 40% of applicants?
  No. Only partial scholarships are available.
- **Are students responsible for all fees not covered by the $4400 per term?**
  The $4400 is given as a reduction in tuition per term. Students are responsible for all fees which are separately billed along with living expenses.

- **Are any stipends offered for MS students?**
  No, however, there are employment opportunities. Note: visa holders at Dartmouth on the F1 visa can work a maximum of 20hrs when classes are in session and full-time when classes are not in session. Employer must be Dartmouth College. Employer cannot be Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. US Citizens and Permanent Residents do not have employment limitations.

- **Do all Dartmouth undergrads qualify as 4+1 applicants? If you qualify for 4+1 would your last term be the Summer term?**
  There are two pathways for Dartmouth students to gain entry into the program. 1) If a Dartmouth undergrad has taken the required number of graduate level classes, they can be admitted as a 4+1 student. They would complete the program at the end of the Summer term. 2) If a Dartmouth undergrad has NOT taken all the required number of graduate level courses, they can enter the program through the standard pathway of 15 months and complete the program Fall term of their 2nd year.

- **Is GRE waived for all Dartmouth undergrads?**
  Yes

**MS Alumni**
- **What do MS Alumni career results look like?**
  Our graduates have placed with Health care, Biomedical research in industry or academia; private industry; government agencies and some further education in PhD programs or Medical School.

**Miscellaneous Programmatic Questions**
- **When in the summer does the MS program start?**
  The program starts mid-August. Orientation, programming bootcamp, QBS 110, and mandatory ethics courses take place during this time as well as other mandatory Dartmouth Grad school orientations. Full-time participation is needed during this onboarding phase.