

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, MS

The School of Pharmacy offers professional Master of Science degrees in Pharmaceutical Sciences under the “named option” designation. These named-option master’s degrees provide students with knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industries.

- The Applied Drug Development (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-applied-drug-development-ms/>) named option allows students to earn their Master of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences through coursework that explores various facets of the drug development process.
- The Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-psychoactive-pharmaceutical-investigation-ms/>) named option allows students to earn their Master of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences through interdisciplinary coursework covering the discovery, development, and clinical application of psychoactive drugs as therapeutic agents.

The Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences (<https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/psd/>) **does not currently accept applications for a terminal research-based master’s in pharmaceutical sciences.** Prospective students may not apply for a research master’s degree program, and should instead see information about the PhD (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-phd/>).

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Students apply to the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences through the following named option paths:

- MS Named Option in Applied Drug Development (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-applied-drug-development-ms/>)
- MS Named Option in Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-psychoactive-pharmaceutical-investigation-ms/>)

Students interested in a research-based graduate degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences apply to the PhD program through the following path:

- PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-phd/>)

FUNDING

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GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

[The Bursar’s Office provides information about tuition and fees associated with being a graduate student.](#) [Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid.](#) [Further funding information is available from the Graduate School.](#)

Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Students enrolled in this program are not eligible to receive tuition remission from graduate assistantship appointments at this institution.

However, students may contact the Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>) to discuss federal loan programs and other lending opportunities.

Students seeking the PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences should see this Guide page (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-phd/#fundingtext>).

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirementstext>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiestext>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements	Candidates will be dropped from the program if they receive more than 7 credits of grades at the BC level or lower. This applies to formal courses and research credits.
Assessments and Examinations	See Named Options for requirements information.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

Select a Named Option (p. 2) for courses required.

NAMED OPTIONS

A named option is a formally documented sub-major within an academic major program. Named options appear on the transcript with degree conferral. Students pursuing the MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences must select one of the following named options:

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- **PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES: APPLIED DRUG DEVELOPMENT, MS ([HTTPS://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/GRADUATE/PHARMACY-SCHOOL-WIDE/PHARMACEUTICAL-SCIENCES-MS/PHARMACEUTICAL-SCIENCES-APPLIED-DRUG-DEVELOPMENT-MS/](https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-applied-drug-development-ms/))**
- **PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES: PSYCHOACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INVESTIGATION, MS ([HTTPS://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/GRADUATE/PHARMACY-SCHOOL-WIDE/PHARMACEUTICAL-SCIENCES-MS/PHARMACEUTICAL-SCIENCES-PSYCHOACTIVE-PHARMACEUTICAL-INVESTIGATION-MS/](https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-psychoactive-pharmaceutical-investigation-ms/))**
- **PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES: RESEARCH, MS ([HTTPS://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/GRADUATE/PHARMACY-SCHOOL-WIDE/PHARMACEUTICAL-SCIENCES-MS/PHARMACEUTICAL-SCIENCES-RESEARCH-MS/](https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-research-ms/))**

POLICIES

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Students should refer to one of the named options for policy information:

- MS Named Option in Applied Drug Development (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-applied-drug-development-ms/>)
- MS Named Option in Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-psychoactive-pharmaceutical-investigation-ms/>)
- MS Named Option in Research (non-admitting) (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-ms/pharmaceutical-sciences-research-ms/>)

- PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-phd/>)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Articulate general principles in pharmaceutical sciences.
2. Apply knowledge and skills to address relevant problems in the student's area of focus.
3. Produce original scholarship that contributes to the student's field of study.
4. Communicate accurate, clear, and accessible scientific information.
5. Demonstrate a commitment to upholding ethical principles.