



# Master of Bioethics (MBE) • APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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www.med.upenn.edu/mbe

Gender:  Female  Male

### Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Former Name(s), if applicable

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): / /

*For registration purposes only*

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Primary Telephone Secondary Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? .....  Yes  No  
If not, country of citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

*Questions 8 - 10 are essay questions that should be answered on separate, typed sheets. Limit your responses to a total of four double-spaced pages (2 essays in 4 pages).*

2. *Optional:* The University of Pennsylvania seeks to attract students from all national and ethnic groups. Please indicate the group in which you include yourself:  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Give a brief personal history, describing your previous career (or career goals), explaining why you have decided to pursue professional training in biomedical ethics and health care.

2a. Native language: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please see page 3 for additional information the University of Pennsylvania is seeking to collect.)

9. Describe and discuss an issue or dilemma in biomedical research or health care that you think requires advanced study in bioethics.

3. Are you currently employed? .....  Yes  No

10. Is there any other information about yourself that you consider important which is not covered in the previous questions?

3a. Present Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

11. In chronological order list below the name of every university or professional school which you have attended or will attend prior to entering Penn's MBE program. If you have previously studied at Penn, please specify which school was attended.

3b. Name of Employer (If you are an employee of the University of Pennsylvania, please indicate the division or department):  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Name of Institution DATES ATTENDED Degree Received*

4. Are you planning to be employed while you are a student in the MBE program?  
 Full-time  Part-time  Undecided  Do not plan to work

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you plan to enroll in classes:  
 Full-time  Part-time  Undecided

6. Are you currently a student?  
 Full-time  Part-time  No

**Note:** Transcripts must be requested from each of the institutions listed above. It is the applicant's responsibility to have the transcripts sent. No action will be taken on this application until all necessary transcripts have been received. All transcripts become the property of the School of Medicine and are neither returnable nor transferable to another institution.

6a. School and degree program: \_\_\_\_\_

7. How did you find out about the Penn MBE:  
\_\_\_\_\_



12. List below the names of your three (3) recommenders. Your recommenders should be persons with whom you have had close professional or academic association and who know of your desire to study bioethics at an advanced level. You may submit additional letters.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. If you are applying to a graduate or professional program (such as law school or the medical school) and will be simultaneously pursuing the MBE degree, indicate the other programs you are applying to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Have you ever been placed on probation, dismissed or suspended from any college or university for reasons pertaining to academic integrity? .....  Yes  No  
*Note: If yes, your Personal Statement should include any facts that you believe bear on the significance of this circumstance.*

15. Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to any felony or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic violations)? .....  Yes  No

If your answer to the above question is "Yes", the University of Pennsylvania requires that you provide further information on a confidential basis. Please go to [www.med.upenn.edu/mbe/applicants](http://www.med.upenn.edu/mbe/applicants) and follow the link for "Q15".

*Note: You will need to indicate to which school you are applying and should choose 'Biomedical Graduate Studies'.*

**Please note:**

Transcripts and letter of recommendations should be received in sealed envelopes.

The University of Pennsylvania reserves the right to cancel admission and registration of any student if there is a misstatement or omission on the application. No tuition or fees will be returned in such cases.

Please be sure the following items are with your application:

- This Application Form
- Application Fee (see [www.bioethics.upenn.edu/masters](http://www.bioethics.upenn.edu/masters))
- Essays 8 and 9 (and 10, if applicable)

Please be sure the following items are sent to the address at the top of the application:

- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Transcript(s)

Applications will not be considered until all requested materials, including application fee, are received.

**Applicant's Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The University of Pennsylvania values diversity and seeks talented students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds. The University of Pennsylvania does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, age, disability, veteran status or any other legally protected class status in the administration of its admissions, financial aid, educational or athletic programs, or other University-administered programs or in its employment practices. Questions or complaints regarding this policy should be directed to the Executive Director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Programs, Sansom Place East, 3600 Chestnut Street, Suite 228, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6106; or (215) 898-6993 (Voice) or (215) 898-7803 (TDD). Specific questions concerning the accommodation of students with disabilities should be directed to the Office of Student Disabilities Services located at the Learning Resources Center, 3820 Locust Walk, Harnwell College House, Suite 110, 215.573.9235 (voice) or 215.746.6320 (TDD).

Federal law, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, requires all institutions of higher education to provide information on their security policies and procedures and specific statistics for criminal incidents and arrests on campus to students and employees, and to make the information and statistics available to prospective students and employees upon request. The Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting Act requires Penn to provide information about its security policies and procedures to students, employees and applicants; to provide crime statistics to students and employees, and to make those statistics available to applicants and prospective employees upon request.

The information about Penn is available at [http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v55/n03/pdf\\_n03/AnnualCrimeReport08.pdf](http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v55/n03/pdf_n03/AnnualCrimeReport08.pdf) or by calling the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4481.



Optional - Requested by the University

The University of Pennsylvania seeks to draw students from diverse backgrounds. The information requested below will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of our recruitment efforts and to facilitate selection of a diverse student body. This information is CONFIDENTIAL AND COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY. Answering a question or omission of an answer will not influence the University's decision on admission.

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- No
Yes, Hispanic or Latino (including Spain)

If yes, please check all that apply below:

Which best describes your background?

- Central America
Cuba
Mexico
Puerto Rico
South America (excluding Brazil)
Spain
Other

Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check one or more of the following groups in which you consider yourself to be a member:

American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas)

Which best describes your background?

- Alaska Native
Chippewa
Choctaw
Cherokee
Navajo
Sioux
Other

Are you enrolled?

- No
Yes, please enter tribal enrollment number

Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines)

Which best describes your background?

- China
India
Japan
Korea
Pakistan
Philippines
Vietnam
Other East Asia

Other Indian Subcontinent

Other Southeast Asia

Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean)

Which best describes your background?

- U.S. / African American
Africa
Caribbean
Other

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples)

Which best describes your background?

- Guam
Hawaii
Samoa
Other Pacific Islands (excluding Philippines)

White (including Middle Eastern)

Which best describes your background?

- Europe
Middle East
Other

Do you come from a family with an annual income below established low-income thresholds?

- Yes
No
Prefer not to answer

The 2009 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Table with 2 columns: Persons in family, Poverty guideline. Rows range from 1 person (\$10,830) to 8 persons (\$37,010).

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3740 for each additional person. For additional information see guidelines at http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml.

Are you the first generation in your family to attend college?

- Yes
No
Prefer not to answer