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Birthday!

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Sept 18

MD/PHD

NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2026



“Falling” back into routine:

- Prioritize Grand Rounds attendance + feedback
- Read all MD/PhD emails and visit shared folder, as needed, for MD/PhD resources

Upcoming deadlines:

- **Sept. 15:** Application for MD/PhD Admissions Ambassadors (see page 3)
- **Sept. 30:** *MD/PhD Transition to COM* form (formally known as the *Clerkship Selection* form). This applies to all current MS2's and PhD-phase students transitioning to COM in Spring 2027. Attached to newsletter email.

“**Grander Rounds**” - Sept. 24th following Grand Rounds



PRE-DOCTORAL CLINICIAN-SCIENTIST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by SUNY Upstate Medical University's MD/PhD Program

November 14, 2026

Located at the NAB, Room 4414

9 AM – 4 PM

Featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. Bishal Gyawali MD, PhD

REGISTER NOW!

by Friday, October 30 until midnight at
<https://www.upstate.edu/mdphd/md-phd-conference.php>

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All Upstate MD/PhD students expected to attend! G2/G3/G4 students *should* present at poster session. Please email Dr. Waickman ASAP (cc Andrea) if you have a serious conflict.

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MD/PhD Admissions Ambassador

Position Overview

The MD/PhD Admissions Ambassador is a current MD/PhD student who participates in the admissions process by meeting individually with prospective MD/PhD applicants following their faculty interviews. The Ambassador provides applicants with an opportunity to learn about the student experience directly from a current trainee while offering the Admissions Committee an additional, student-centered perspective on each applicant.

This role is designed to maintain meaningful student involvement in the admissions process while requiring a modest and manageable time commitment.

How to Apply:

Apply by September 15th!

See attachment in email (subject: MDPhD Program Recruitment Opportunity!) for more details!

