Meet Our Students

*Zeynab Haidara (Class of ’17) interacts with a young patient at Hacettepe University Medical Hospital during her clinical rounds.*

Hacettepe University Medical Faculty includes more than 3,000 medical students with 250 international students who represent over 20 countries worldwide, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Cyprus, United Kingdom, Ghana, Montenegro, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United States, and many more. Hacettepe University's Office of Admissions selects students who exhibit exemplary knowledge and skills as well as ethnic and cultural diversity.

Meet our current medical students to discover if Hacettepe Medical School is the right place for you.
Name: Viola B.  
Class of: 2020  
Hometown: Fier, Albania  
Why Hacettepe: Everyone wants to achieve the best in his or her life. For me, how good you can be is limitless. Hacettepe's motto is "To the leading edge... Toward being the best..." These two sentences encompass exactly who I am: I could be myself and be in contact with people that understand the human urge to reach full potential.  
Why medicine: I want to be a doctor in order to know my body and understand the art in every single action and reaction. For me being a doctor is not a profession. The physician knows the feeling of humbleness toward the greatness of human body and its balance between science and art.  
What have you enjoyed most about medical school? I am new in medical school but in these last months I am learning and seeing how everything affects our body. I am thrilled by how fast medical domains revolutionize.  
Extra-curricular Activities: Reading, listening to music, savoring new foods and sometimes trying to cook them, and most importantly participating in profound discussions.

Name: Yener T.
Class of: 2019
Hometown: Mudanya, Bursa & Maine, USA
Why Hacettepe: It's got the name and it's in the beautiful city of Ankara!
Why medicine: It's definitely a calling, but probably because my mom's best friend at work, who was a pediatrician, helped deliver me and kind of oversaw my health while growing up. He was a very nice and smart guy, and would always give me free popsicles.
What have you enjoyed the most about medical school?: That the teachers treat students almost like their own kids, which makes learning a more cozy experience.
Extracurriculars: I help the class president with his work.

Name: Zeynab H.
Class of: 2017
Hometown: Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Why Hacettepe: Before coming to Hacettepe I had absolutely no idea what I was signing myself up for. I didn’t know anyone who had attended it and hadn’t done much beyond look at the content of the course. I applied on a whim. Other than how well the school was ranked, I didn't know what to expect at all.
Why medicine: A career in medicine has always been at the forefront of my mind, I love science, and I love a challenge. I also really enjoy working with and understanding people. I possess a unique combination of high emotional quotient and a sound scientific approach. Becoming a doctor has always been a dream of mine and I worked hard to make it happen. I chose medicine because it offered me the opportunity to integrate these interests and apply them in a very practical profession. I had the opportunity to work in two different medical centers, these were all valuable experiences and helped me to better understand the nature of the job. I found the medical centers experience both motivating and frustrating, in that I wanted to help but felt thwarted by my woeful lack of expertise. Finally, a career that involved being hands on and carrying out practical tasks and procedures was something that I considered to be important and needed to do.
What have you enjoyed most about medical school: I'm a people person, so I knew that I would enjoy working as part of a team with a host of other professionals to treat patients.

Extra-curricular Activities: Reading, exercising, and learning to play the violin.

Name: Michael T.
Class of: 2016
Hometown: Lamin, Gambia

Why Hacettepe: I decided to choose Hacettepe, because after obtaining a scholarship to study medicine in Turkey, I found out that Haccettepe is the university that offers the best medical program in the country.

Why medicine: Well, I think that the best way I can reach out to help others is by being a doctor; and since childhood I had this dream of becoming a doctor and reaching out to others through medicine.

What have you enjoyed most about medical school?: interacting with people, making new friends, especially interacting with patients, parents and guardians of patients has been the most enjoyable part of my medical career.

Extra-curricular Activities: working out at the gym, watching movies, listening to music, watching soccer games, taking walks in nature, and site seeing.
Name: Belal R.
Class of: 2015
Hometown: Gaza, Palestine

Why Hacettepe: I chose to study in Hacettepe University from what I heard about it being a very challenging university, so I wanted to test my limits there. Also being a developed university in the medical field and lots of rare medical cases were treated there, so I thought it may give me more experience.

Why medicine: Since I was young I liked helping people out especially the ones that are really desperate. I have also always felt bad about the ones that I couldn’t help especially those who are in need of medical care. So this helped me choose to be a doctor to try and make a change in the world.

What have you enjoyed most about medical school?
Medical school gives me lots of opportunities. I got to meet lots of great doctors and make lots of great friends that I couldn’t have made anywhere else. I also loved the thankful impression on the faces of patients once you help cure them- the feeling that you made a change and that you helped make someone’s life full of happiness is a very fulfilling feeling.

Extra-curricular Activities:
I like doing sports generally as extra-curricular activities especially working-out and soccer. Spending time with friends and occasionally reading books.