Funded Visiting Elective Program for Students Underrepresented in Medicine

Rationale

NYU Langone Medical Center is a world-class, integrated, patient centered academic medical center that prides itself on performance, respect, integrity, and excellence. We believe that diversity, as one of our core values, enhances the institution’s educational and academic climate by creating a workforce for the future that is capable of providing outstanding medical service to an ever-evolving patient population. In this way, creativity is enriched and thoughtfulness in our patient care, education, and research is enhanced. Diversity serves as a catalyst for change and solutions to reduce health care disparities and to improve patient outcomes in the communities we serve.

Central to the core of this mission are the three clinical institutions at which we provide care. Tisch Hospital is the flagship hospital of NYULMC and provides a quaternary level of care for its patients. Specialists treat a wide range of medical and surgical conditions to patients from all over NYC, NJ and CT. Bellevue Hospital Center is the oldest continuously operating hospital in America. With its humble beginnings as a haven for the indigent, it is a model for providing care to underserved populations. The Manhattan VA works to always improve the health of those who have so proudly served our nation. It is a privilege to provide services to veterans in an environment committed to patient care, education and research.

The visiting clerkship program is therefore designed to increase the physician workforce of those underrepresented in medicine as well as give students the opportunity to explore and experience the strengths of training at NYU School of Medicine.

Program Description

Visiting students will have the opportunity to spend a 4-week elective in one of the clinical departments at the NYU School of Medicine. The clinical departments can be found here - http://www.med.nyu.edu/az-departments-divisions

The choice of subspecialty elective will be made in conjunction with the chosen department. The choice will depend on the availability of that elective and the completion of the required information for visiting students - http://www.med.nyu.edu/registrar/student-services/visiting-students-elective-requirements.

Funded visiting elective positions will be available for students interested in pursuing electives between July and November. Funding includes up to $2000 for reimbursement of registration fees, travel and housing. Receipts will be required for reimbursement. Funding is limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.
Students will be invited to meet with the Associate Dean of Diversity Affairs. In addition, students will be invited to meet with the residency program director in the department in which they are doing the elective. At the discretion of the program director, qualified applicants will be invited for an interview.

Eligibility Requirements

- Students must be in good standing in medical school.
- Students must be pursuing a medical degree at an LCME-accredited medical school.
- If applicable, students must have completed the core clerkship relating to the department that they have chosen to do the elective (e.g. if interested in pursuing an elective in pediatric infectious diseases, the student must have already completed the core clerkship in pediatrics at their medical school).
- Students must be from groups underrepresented in medicine (see below).

Application Requirements & Process

- Interested students must come from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. We define these backgrounds to include the following races/ethnicities: Black, Latino, Native American or Asian Pacific Islander.
- A completed application includes the following -
  - Completed Information Sheet
  - Personal statement which includes career goals
  - One letter of recommendation
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Official medical school transcript
  - Choice of 4 week block:
    - 7/25 - 8/21 (due date – 6/10)
    - 8/22 – 9/18 (due date – 7/8)
    - 9/26 – 10/23 (due date – 8/12)
    - 10/24 – 11/20 (due date – 9/9)
- Applications will be reviewed by the GMEC Diversity & Inclusion Subcommittee. Qualified applicants will be forwarded to the appropriate department for further review and selection.
- Completed applications must be received by the due dates listed above.
- Please send your completed applications to:
  Mason Patenaude, LMSW
  Program Coordinator, Office of Diversity Affairs
  577 1st Avenue, Room 108
  New York, NY 10016
  Or via email to mason.patenaude@nyumc.org

If you have any questions, please contact Mason at (212) 263 – 8613.