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1. **University of Washington-Seattle Children's Hospital Funded Visiting Electives in Pediatrics for URM Students**  
Funded fourth year medical student rotations in Pediatrics will be available at Seattle Children's Hospital from August 2016 through December 2016 for qualified applicants from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in medicine. Funding includes up to $2000 for reimbursement of travel, housing, meals, and application fees.

**Program Description**  
Our visiting student program is designed to give students the opportunity to experience the exceptional training that the University of Washington (UW) has to offer. Students will spend four weeks on one of the ward teams at Seattle Children's Hospital as an acting intern or will rotate with the Nephrology service or one of our subspecialty services based on availability. They will care for a variety of patients ranging the spectrum from general pediatrics to medically complex at our tertiary care center. Students completing an acting internship will do three weeks of day shifts and one week of night shifts. Students will also be expected to attend morning report and noon conference daily, as well as attend all scheduled house staff teaching sessions and conferences.

In addition to providing an enriching educational experience, this unique opportunity affords students rotating at Seattle Children's Hospital, the primary training site for the UW Pediatric Residency, a chance to form close working relationships with residents, fellows, and attendings. Qualified applicants will be invited to interview for our residency in Pediatrics at the UW during their rotation in Seattle.

**Application Requirements**

- Applicants for the funded positions must come from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. This includes African Americans/Blacks, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Mexican Americans, Native Hawaiians, and mainland Puerto Ricans.
- Applicants must provide the following:
  - Personal statement discussing their career goals
  - One letter of recommendation, preferably from a Pediatric attending
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Official medical school transcript
  - Completed diversity elective application form

The application deadline is July 5, 2016. However, the program utilizes a rolling admission process in which students are accepted or waitlisted at the time of their submission of a complete application.

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Residency Diversity Committee. Applicants who are accepted for a funded rotation must also apply to and be accepted by the UW Visiting Student Program. Interested students should review the requirements outlined at [http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/visiting-students](http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/visiting-students).

Applicants not selected for the funded rotation may still apply for unfunded acting internships and electives.
2. **Underrepresented in Medicine Senior Scholarship Program for Pediatrics at the University of Alabama School of Medicine**

The Pediatric Clerkship Directors and Pediatric Residency Program Directors are now welcoming applications for the Underrepresented in Medicine Senior Scholarship Program for Pediatrics at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. The Scholarship provides funding for visiting fourth year medical students to participate in four-week clinical rotations in the Department of Pediatrics. Our goal is to attract highly talented students from diverse cultural, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds interested in the field of pediatrics to UAB, providing exposure to our excellent training program. Students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine, including African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American, in addition to students whose backgrounds may bring a unique dimension to our training program are encouraged to apply. Scholarship recipients will have opportunity to network with faculty members within the Department of Pediatrics as well as UAB’s Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. For more information, please contact Will Sasser, M.D. (wsasser@peds.uab.edu). A link to the application and additional information may be found on our website: (https://www.uab.edu/medicine/peds/edu-research/fourth-year-elective-acting-internship-information/underrepresented-medicine-scholarship).

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3. **Cincinnati Children’s Minority Visiting Fourth Year Elective Program**

Dear Minority Medical Student:

It is an honor to introduce to you to our "Minority Visiting Fourth Year Elective Program" in the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. This program is sponsored by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. It will give you a first-hand opportunity to complete general and subspecialty electives at one of the top 3 Children Hospital’s in the country. We are a major pediatric academic medical center that attracts patients from all over the world. Our institution offers a friendly environment for both health care professionals and patients. The Pediatric faculty is largely diverse in its interests and expertise, and rated top 5 in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

This opportunity is open to fourth year students (only if you have completed all third year requirements and you are in good standing at your home medical institution and you are interested in pediatrics). Cincinnati Children’s is constantly working to increase the number of minority house officers and faculty at our institution. Experiences in all pediatric subspecialties are available to visiting students pending availability for a particular month. This visiting fourth year elective program is designed to reinforce a student’s interest in
post-graduate training in pediatrics. Housing and financial assistance towards transportation and meals is provided.

The applicants' selection will be based on the timeliness of on-line applications, academic standing of students and recommendation letters from the Dean and a Faculty member from applicants' institution. We are enclosing a copy of the application procedure.

Please consider this an invitation to consider a challenging elective mentor at Cincinnati Children's and explore how your specific needs and career goals can best be addressed within our pediatric training program.

**HOW TO APPLY TO THE MINORITY RECRUITMENT PROGRAM**

Minority Clerkship Elective
Application Procedure

1. Minority Recruitment Program Application

Go to the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine website and review the Visiting Student information.

Here's the link: [http://med.uc.edu/StudentServices.aspx](http://med.uc.edu/StudentServices.aspx)

The application must be submitted through Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS®) and will be reviewed after May 1st and once all required documentation has been submitted.

2. Letters of recommendation from the Dean of your Medical School and (1) Faculty should be mailed to the address below:

Ndidi I. Unaka, M.D.
Associate Director, Pediatric Residency Training Programs
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
3333 Burnet Avenue, ML 5018
Cincinnati, Ohio  45229-3039

These letters should include your class rank, performance in your preclinical studies and clinical rotations and their support of your application

3. Please include your CV (Educational background)

4. **Funded Medical Student Visiting Rotation at University of Washington, Seattle**

Greetings,

The Department of Radiology at the University of Washington in Seattle is accepting applications for the 2016 Visiting Student Diversity Program. We would appreciate your
help in circulating this info to any medical students who may be eligible for this program via email, webpage, twitter, etc.

This program funds eligible medical students who plan to apply to Diagnostic Radiology residency for up to $2000 to cover travel and living expenses during an MS-IV away rotation with our department in beautiful Seattle, WA.

Please see our [WEBSITE](#) for more info as well as the program application (which is also attached).

Preference will be given to students who submit the completed application packed by May 15, however this is not a hard deadline and applications after this date will be considered as long as funding for positions remains available.

5. **MUSC Underrepresented in Medicine Visiting Student Program**

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) has a longstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion among our students, residents, staff, and faculty. The College of Medicine Diversity Mission is to “Create an environment that fosters cultural understanding, cultural competency and opportunities for individuals of all backgrounds.” Based on this mission, one of our goals is to increase racial and ethnic diversity reflecting the general population of South Carolina. To this end, we sponsor the [MUSC Underrepresented in Medicine Visiting Student Program](#) which provides financial support to 4th-year students attending a U.S. medical school who are from backgrounds that are underrepresented in medicine including Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American/Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

Our program includes a 4-week clinical rotation (elective or externship/sub-I) at MUSC, as well as a stipend to offset the costs of travel and housing in beautiful Charleston, South Carolina.

Please see the attached flyer to access more information regarding the [MUSC Underrepresented in Medicine Visiting Student Program](#). Applicants must also complete the Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS) application and are encouraged to apply to multiple options and rotation dates. If a department does not offer a stipend, we still encourage you to apply through VSAS as away rotations are a great opportunity for Departments to meet you and for you to see all that MUSC has to offer. Applications will be reviewed beginning May 1, 2016.

6. **NYU Funded Visiting Elective Program for Students Underrepresented in Medicine**

The NYU School of Medicine is committed to diversity as a driver for excellence and with that, we are continuing the visiting clerkship for students underrepresented in medicine. This elective will give students the opportunity to spend 4 weeks in a clinical department, meet the program director and hear about the various initiatives from the Office of Diversity Affairs. The elective could take place in Bellevue Hospital, Tisch Hospital or the VA.

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 45-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](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](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:
  o Completed Information Sheet
  o Personal statement which includes career goals
  o One letter of recommendation
  o Curriculum Vitae
  o Official medical school transcript
  o Choice of 4 week block:
    7/25 5 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.

7. Visiting Clerkship Program, Harvard University, Minority Faculty Development Program
The Visiting Clerkship Program (VCP), sponsored by the Minority Faculty Development Program of the Harvard Medical School (HMS) Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership, provides support for fourth-year and qualified third-year medical students from groups underrepresented in medicine (African-American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native) to participate in the HMS Exchange Clerkship Program.

VCP is designed to:

Increase medical student awareness of opportunities in academic medicine;
To increase student consideration of academic training programs for internship and residency; and especially
To increase the number of students applying to HMS-affiliated hospital training programs from groups underrepresented in medicine.

Clerkships are four weeks in length and are available, space permitting, to full-time fourth-year students in good standing at accredited US medical schools. Third-year students who have completed their last quarter core clerkships in medicine, surgery, pediatrics, and obstetrics are also eligible. VCP participants are assigned a faculty advisor and offered opportunities to network with HMS faculty, house staff and students. A faculty/student dinner seminar is held during each rotation. In addition, participants have access to HMS and the HMS Countway Library, as well as hospital seminars and workshops.

Financial assistance (up to $400) is available toward transportation costs to and from Boston. Housing is also provided.

https://mfdp.med.harvard.edu/dcp-programs/medicalgraduate/visiting-clerkship-program

For more information, contact Minority Faculty Development Program
Harvard Medical School
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Boston, MA 02115-5818
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Email vcp_hpsp@hms.harvard.edu

8. **Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Diversity Program for Visiting Students**
The OHSU Diversity Program for Visiting Students is sponsored by the OHSU Department of Medicine student and residency programs and the Center for Diversity & Inclusion.

**Program Goals**
- Enhance student awareness of opportunities in academic medicine at OHSU and in Portland.
- Increase the number of diverse students applying to OHSU’s Residency Programs.
- Provide mentoring and networking for diverse students.

**Program Benefits**
- **Mentoring.** All participants will be assigned a faculty advisor/mentor and be offered opportunities to network with other OHSU house staff and students.
- **Financial Assistance.** A stipend of $2,000 will be awarded to cover room and board and transportation during the rotation at OHSU.

**Program Details**
- Competitive applicants in the Diversity Program for Visiting Students will have demonstrated personal experience or interest in diversity, health disparities, or serving underrepresented populations.
- The program is open to applicants who demonstrate the above, have expressed interest in applying to an OHSU Residency Program and at least one of the following: grew up in a rural community or have experienced significant disadvantage or adversity.
- Rotations are four weeks in duration and are available, space permitting, to full-time fourth-year students who are in good standing in an LCME- accredited U.S. medical school.
- Available programs include: Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Surgery and others.
Applying to the Program
Interested applicants must apply through the Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS) and provide the following additional items:

- Completed application form for the OHSU Diversity Program for Visiting Students.
- Letter of Endorsement from related Core Clerkship Director, including details on the student's qualifications for the Diversity Program
- Student letter of intent as to his/her qualification and desires for participating in the Diversity Program
- Demonstrated excellent to outstanding performance in the related third-year clerkship (exceptions considered).

Contact Us
For more information about the OHSU Diversity Program for Visiting Students or to receive an application, please contact: GME Diversity Program, gme@ohsu.edu or (503) 494-8652.

9. University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, Visiting Elective Scholarship Program (VESP)

The Visiting Elective Scholarship Program supported by the UCSF School of Medicine was established to encourage fourth year medical students who are underrepresented in medicine or are interested in working with diverse populations to apply for a clinical elective at UCSF. The scholarship program provides up to $1500 and is designed to:

Ø Expose fourth year medical students who are underrepresented in medicine or interested in working with diverse populations to an academic training program

Ø Promote student interest in applying to an academic residency training program

Ø Provide faculty and housestaff mentorship during the clinical elective experience

Ø For more information: http://pmfmd.com/vesp/

10. Office of Student and Resident Diversity at the University of California Davis 4th year Visiting Clerkship Program

We are pleased to announce the Office of Student and Resident Diversity at the University of California Davis is sponsoring a subsidized 4th year Visiting Clerkship Program. Our program targets socio-economically disadvantaged students who come from traditionally Under-Represented in Medicine communities.

The VCP is for qualified fourth year students who are considering completing their residency at UC Davis and would like to do an Acting Internship/ Externship at the University of California Davis Medical Center to see if we are a good fit!

The Visiting Clerkship Program is an excellent opportunity to:

- Get a first-hand look at University of California, Davis Residency Programs
- Get a first-hand look at the Sacramento community
- Receive Financial assistance towards travel expenses, food and housing
- Interact with LMSA and SMNA medical students and house staff

Please see attached application. If you have any questions or please feel free to contact us at 916-734-2615 or email me at dalatimore@ucdavis.edu

Michelle Villegas-Frazier
Program Coordinator,
Office of Student and Resident Diversity
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Sacramento, CA 95817
(916) 734-1829

11. Northwestern Visiting Student Elective Program for Students Underrepresented in Medicine
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University welcome students from diverse backgrounds from the Class of 2017 to apply for senior elective rotations. We are providing stipends of up to $1,500 to qualified students to help defray the cost of an away rotation. Please review the full criteria for eligibility on the McGaw Medical Center website. They define the following groups as underrepresented:
- **Black** (African/African American)
- **Latino/Hispanic** (Mexican American, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Central American, South American)
- **Native American/Native Hawaiian**
- **LGBT** (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)
- **Men** are also defined as underrepresented for Pediatrics

Application Information:
- Please refer to the Visiting MD Student website here. Application requirements and further stipend information can be found on the Visiting Student Application Requirements page here.
- Students applying for the stipend are encouraged to apply no less than three months in advance to assure adequate processing time for the supplemental application.
- All visiting student application materials must be submitted in addition to the Visiting Student Elective Program for Students Underrepresented in Medicine Supplemental form.

Additional questions should be directed to Allison McCollum at visitingstudents@northwestern.edu

12. University of Utah Health Sciences (UUHS) visiting Clerkship
The University of Utah Health Sciences (UUHS) is committed to inclusive excellence and to a physician workforce that can meet the needs of our increasingly diverse populations. We are pleased to announce, the availability of our annual travel stipends for visiting clerkships for fourth-year medical students underrepresented in medicine.
If you are interested in learning more about residency programs at University of Utah Health Sciences, you are invited to apply and engage with world-class faculty, work with committed residents and students, and meet with program directors during your clinical rotation while enjoying the beauty of Utah’s mountains and outdoor activities.

Please schedule the rotation through the Visiting Student Coordinator (http://medicine.utah.edu/studentaffairs/visiting/).

Please contact the Office of Health Equity and Inclusion (healthequity@hsc.utah.edu) for an application for the Visiting Clerkship Stipend ($2000). Funds are available for rotations from July to December and are to assist with travel and housing costs. Funding is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Look forward to hearing from you!

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