Additional Information

Application Materials

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“The Duke University School of Medicine Visiting Clinical Scholars Program provided me with a wonderful learning experience. I would certainly recommend it to any underrepresented minority fourth year student. Thank you for having this exciting program.”

Elena Jimenez-Gutierrez, MS4
University of Virginia

“I plan on keeping in touch with Dr. Young [Ophthalmology] for future career advice. Although I did not match at Duke I still enjoyed the learning experience, got a research paper accomplished, and made lifetime mentors.”

Jennifer Threatt, MS4
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Office of Diversity & Inclusion

Medical Student
Visiting Clinical Scholars Program
Application Procedure

Overview
In partnership with our clinical departments, the Duke School of Medicine Office of Diversity & Inclusion will award a number of scholarships to underrepresented in medicine (URiM*) fourth year medical students for the Visiting Clinical Scholars Program to support their participation in a clinical elective.

Accepted scholars will participate in a 4-week clinical elective, as well as engage with members of the Duke and Durham communities. Opportunities will be facilitated for students to interact with underrepresented minority students, housestaff and faculty. We will also work to pair our scholars with a mentor to help enhance their overall experience. We are committed to supporting the development of URiM Scholars and providing a positive experience during your visit with us at Duke.

The Visiting Clinical Scholars Program will provide payment or reimbursement for expenses such as housing and travel.

Eligibility
Medical students who are underrepresented minorities in medicine (as defined by the AAMC) may apply for a clinical elective. Applicants must have successfully completed the required core third year clerkships and have been accepted through the Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS) for participation in a clerkship at Duke University School of Medicine.**

The Application
Students who have been accepted into a Duke University School of Medicine clerkship must complete the scholarship application. Please visit the Office of Diversity and Inclusion website, navigate to Pipeline Programs, then to the Visiting Clinical Scholars Program page.

Housing
Housing will be provided for all Visiting Clinical Scholars.

Travel
A travel stipend is available for visiting clinical scholars, and the program can also assist with travel arrangements.

* The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) definition of underrepresented in medicine is: “Underrepresented in medicine means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population.” https://www.aamc.org/initiatives/urm

**Please note that final approval of participation in visiting electives is through the Office of the Registrar and requires completion of all required documentation.