

The Hispanic Center of Excellence

SUMP Applications Are Now On-Line

HCOE SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2011

Introduction to the Program

The Hispanic Center of Excellence (HCOE) Summer Undergraduate Mentorship Program (SUMP) at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) is a six week program that offers students a unique opportunity to become exposed to the realities and nuances of the medical profession through a one-on-one “shadowship” with a physician. The program includes shadowing a physician in a preferred area of specialty, workshop/lecture participation, and research experience. Additionally individualized MCAT review and research opportunities will be offered based on need and eligibility criteria. All students are expected to complete a written project and give a PowerPoint presentation on their project to their peers, family, physician mentors and invited AECOM faculty at the program’s all day colloquium and graduation. The topics for the projects may be based on a student’s clinical experience and/or any related medical issue of interest. Projects are encouraged to be presented in context of core curriculum content that will highlight Institute of Medicine (IOM) reports findings on health disparities and Hispanic and Minority health. The goals of the program are designed to motivate students to pursue careers in medicine, build confidence and foster working mentorship relationships.

Lectures and workshops will cover a variety of topics that include practical information such as the medical school application process, mock interviews, current issues in medicine and special interest topics such as cultural competency and the patient-physician relationship. The lectures will be conducted by AECOM/HCOE faculty and affiliated faculty from partner institutions. There will also be informal “rap sessions” conducted by medical students, residents and faculty that will provide a forum for sharing experiences. Parental participation is also encouraged through specific parental workshops on the medical school application process and financial aid.

The program requires a minimum thirty-hour weekly commitment. The student will be expected to attend fourteen hours of lecture per week and spend at least six hours per week with their assigned mentor. Participants in the program will be awarded a stipend at the end of the six week program. Orientation will be held on June 13, 2011. The program will run from June 17, 2011 – July 29, 2011.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- All students must be either a US citizen or a Permanent Resident.
- Students will be considered if they are from an underrepresented group in medicine and/or have an economically disadvantaged background.
- Must have completed at least their freshman year with at least one year in science by the beginning of the program. (Sophomores’ and higher)
- Have a GPA of at least 2.5.
- Students must also provide an official college transcript, obtain a letter of recommendation from a faculty member and obtain medical clearance.

Application Deadline is March 21, 2011

For additional Information on SUMP 2011

