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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Applicants must either be a current college sophomore or junior and be in good academic standing with a 3.0 Cumulative GPA or above. Applicants must submit a complete online application along with at least two letters of recommendation from faculty members and/or administrators from his/her home institution. Applicants must also forward all official undergraduate transcripts from each institution attended. All materials must be submitted and received by the announced deadlines in order to be considered. Please see website for specific instructions and deadlines.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- MCAT Preparation
- Biomedical Research
- Classroom Teaching/Research Environment
- Cutting Edge Technology
- Interaction with medical school faculty and students
- $3,500 (minus taxes) Stipend
- Room and Board

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:

The Center of Excellence for Diversity in Health Education and Research of the University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine prepares under-represented minority undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing a medical education for careers in academic medicine and other positions of leadership in medicine.

To this end, beginning in May, the Center provides program participants with an intensive 10-week experience designed to help make under-represented minority undergraduates more competitive applicants for entry into medical school. Emphasis is placed on the following activities, which are vital to an applicant's successful matriculation into medical school:

RESEARCH COMPONENT:

Each student is assigned a medical school faculty mentor with whom each student will spend 3 days per week. At the end of the 10 weeks, students will present their research to an audience of medical school faculty, medical students and their peers.

MCAT PREPARATION:

Participants are engaged in classroom instruction, structured online simulated testing and full length exams provided by Kaplan Inc.. This is to prepare students for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

CLINICAL OBSERVATION:

Students will be scheduled to shadow clinical preceptors at different times throughout the program.

LECTURE SERIES:

The lecture series consist of topics designed to introduce the student to principles of medical education, healthcare and public health:

Past lecture topics have included:

- What It Means to Be a Doctor
- Post Graduate Education
- Health Care Disparities
- New Models of Care
- Publicly Funded Health Programs
- Community Based Research
- New Applications of Social Media in Research
- Medical School Application Tips
- Medical School Interview Strategies
- Writing the Personal Statement