

The Minority Students in Health Careers Motivation Program

(MSHCMP) aims to build diversity in the health and allied health professions, especially medicine, by providing students from underrepresented backgrounds an opportunity to develop the skills necessary to successfully compete for admission to schools in these fields.

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MINI MED SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Designed to be a mini first-semester medical education experience, this full-time, seven-week residential program exposes participants to classroom instruction in select basic science courses in the medical education curriculum and offers physician-shadowing opportunities. Great attention is placed on identifying and removing any barriers that may prevent a participant from being a competitive medical school applicant. Workshops develop skills for preparing strong admissions and financial aid applications. Each participant leaves the program with a realistic appraisal of his or her readiness for medical school.

ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to college juniors, seniors, and recent college graduates who aspire to apply to health profession schools, specifically medicine. Applicants must have taken organic chemistry in order to handle the course material. The admission committee chooses the top 25 students who demonstrate that they will benefit from participation and are likely to be competitive applicants for medical school. Other criteria include:

- Citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Must be one of the following:
 - African American/Black
 - Asian
 - Hispanic/Latino
 - Native American/Alaskan Native
 - Multi-ethnic
- Must also be one of the following:
 - Matriculating student who has completed at least two years of undergraduate science or premed training
 - Recent science or premed graduate (post-baccalaureate)
 - Matriculating unclassified graduate student in science or pre-health profession education
- Minimum science and cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 system

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application form is available online at www.miami.edu/motivationprogram. A completed application form must be accompanied by the following:

- Complete official academic transcript(s)
- Letter of recommendation from three college professors
- Personal statement of attributes considered desirable in medical school applicants, minimum of 400 words
- Wallet-size photograph

The completed application must be received in the Office of Academic Enhancement, address below, by **Friday, March 21, 2014**. The program runs **Sunday, June 1 through Friday, July 18, 2014**. This fully funded seven-week experience includes all coursework, meals, supplies, books, and housing. The program also provides a **\$600** stipend for each student and roundtrip travel expenses for those outside of the South Florida area (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties). One hundred percent attendance and participation is required. Once accepted to the program, a **\$100 deposit is required** to secure your space. Deposits will be returned upon completion of the summer program.



These undergraduate students, who are considering careers in medicine, participated in a seven-week medical school experience through the University's **2013 Minority Students in Health Careers Motivation Program**.

"I feel very lucky to have been chosen to participate in such a unique experience with professionals and students who were so caring and supportive of my dreams. The Faculty Affairs office and Miller School of Medicine do an excellent job in preparing students like myself for the competitive medical school application process."



Martha Lopez
2013 Minority Students in Health Careers Motivation Program participant



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