The Minority Students in Health Careers Motivation Program (MSHCMP) promotes diversity in the health and allied health professions by providing students from underrepresented backgrounds with an opportunity to develop skills that will increase their competitiveness for admission to schools of medicine.

MINORITY STUDENTS IN HEALTH CAREERS MOTIVATION PROGRAM

Designed to be a mini first-semester medical school experience, the Motivation Program is a full-time, seven-week program that focuses on enhancing strengths and minimizing barriers that may limit participants from being competitive applicants for medical school. Students receive classroom instruction in select science courses from the medical school curriculum, shadow physicians and attend supplemental workshops that help them develop the necessary skills to compete. Upon successful completion of this program which runs from Sunday, June 4th, 2017 through Friday, July 21st, 2017, each participant will have a holistic perspective of his or her readiness for medical school.
ELIGIBILITY

MSHCM is a tuition-free program, and open to college sophomore, juniors, seniors, and recent graduates. Applicants’ should be competitive candidates for medical school and their applications should demonstrate how they will benefit from this experience. The committee considers several criteria when selecting 25 participants for the MSHCM program including being a:

- Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States
- Member of one of the following racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession
  * American Indian or Alaskan Native
  * Black or African American
  * Hispanic or Latino
  * Pacific Islander
- Must be one of the following:
  * Matriculating student who has completed at least two years of undergraduate science or premed coursework (including Organic Chemistry).
  * Recent science or premed graduate (post baccalaureate).
  * Matriculating unclassified graduate student in science pre-health profession education.
  * Minimum science and cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application is available online at: http://diversity.med.miami.edu/summer-programs/motivation

Complete application forms must be received in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion by **Friday, March 17th, 2017** and should be accompanied by the following documents:

- Official academic transcript(s) from all college(s) attended.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from college professors.
- Personal statement (specifics outlined in application).
- Passport photo (2x2).

Only completed applications will be considered for admission and applicants will be notified of their program status via email on **Friday, March 31st, 2017**. Once accepted to the program, a **$100 refundable deposit is required** to secure your space. Deposits will be returned upon successful completion of the summer program as determined by the program executive director.

This seven-week, residential experience is fully funded through the Miller School of Medicine. Participants will receive free coursework, books, supplies, meals, housing, and travel expenses. All students are required to reside on campus and will be provided with transportation between campuses. Round-trip airfare will also be provided for participants who live outside the South Florida area (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties).

2016 Minority Students in Health Careers Motivation Program Participants

Jason Iyobhebhe
Millersville University of Pennsylvania, PA
Class of 2018

“The experiences that I acquired in the Motivation program undoubtedly revamped my strive to become a physician. I am much more knowledgeable of the intricacies concomitant to achieving a career in medicine. Overall, the program was multifaceted in the fact that it provided me knowledge, empowerment, professional development and meaningful friendships.”

Cydnie Mitchell
Georgia Southern University, GA
Class of 2016

“The Motivation Program is such a unique and invaluable experience that truly prepares its participants for medical school. Not only was I challenged by the rigorous course work, I was also supported by everyone involved - my own Miami family - with whom I created any wonderful memories. I witnessed so much growth in such a short amount of time, and I graduated from the program feeling empowered and equipped with the tools to succeed on my journey to Medicine.”

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