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**

**MINI MED SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**

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 in preparing for medical school. Upon successful completion of this program, which runs from **Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 through Friday, July 20th, 2018**, each participant will have a holistic perspective of his or her readiness for medical school.
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 the program. The committee considers several criteria when selecting 25 participants for the MSHCM program including being a:

- 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:
  - First generation college student
  - Raised in a single-parent household according to US Census Data
  - From a low-income household, according to the US Census Data
  - 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 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

Complete application forms must be received in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion by Friday, March 9th, 2018 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)
- Proof of Health Insurance

Only completed applications will be considered for admission and applicants will be notified of their program status via email on Friday, March 23rd, 2018. Once accepted to the program, a $100 non-refundable deposit is required.

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).

*Please note 4th of July vacation schedule is Wednesday, July 4th and Thursday, July 5th. Please plan accordingly.

**This program is NOT an Internship**