

Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine

University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry

Mission and Purpose: The University of Maryland School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry is a vibrant group of individuals who are dedicated to creating an environment of inclusion and diversity that serves the larger Baltimore community. Social engagement, activism, community support and research all are vital values in our department.

The Department of Psychiatry is excited to implement a Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine. Our hope is to engage students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine who show passion in the field of Psychiatry. We invite visiting medical students to apply to participate in a clinical elective in the Department of Psychiatry.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be enrolled in and in good standing at an LCME accredited allopathic medical school or osteopathic school of medicine accredited by the American Osteopathic Association
- Be in your 4th year of medical school
- Passed USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX Level 1
- Have completed your Psychiatry, Medicine and Neurology core clerkship experiences
- Be applying for a residency position in Psychiatry
- Qualify and adhere to the University of Maryland Medical School's requirements for visiting students.
- Identify as a member of a group underrepresented in medicine
 - Per the Association of American Medical Colleges AAMC: "Underrepresented in medicine means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population." This lens currently includes students who identify as African Americans and/or Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians), Pacific Islander, and mainland Puerto Rican.

Program Details: The Visiting Elective Student Program provides a scholarship up to \$1500* to defray the costs of elective fees, lodging and transportation. Funds are awarded upon completion of the elective and receipts are submitted for reimbursement. The elective program consists of:

- Providing students with an excellent clinical experience in the Department of Psychiatry that serves the entirety of University of Maryland Medical Center, our tertiary care center, and the state-of-the-art R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma- Level 1 Trauma Center.
- Engaging students in a 4-week elective in Psychiatry
- Pairing students with a faculty and resident/fellow who will serve as an advisor and mentor
- Introducing students to the University of Maryland/Sheppard Pratt Psychiatry Residency Program

*Applicants should consult with a tax advisor to determine whether the amount received is taxable income. If the amount received is determined to be taxable income, the applicant is responsible for reporting the income to the IRS.

Application Requirements:

- Apply to a Psychiatry Elective/Sub-Internship offered by the University of Maryland School of Medicine through the Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) website
- A completed Visiting Elective Student Scholarship Application Form
- A personal statement highlighting the applicant's interest in psychiatry, why you want to rotate at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and your personal goals for the clinical elective (should not exceed 1 page typed)
- An Updated Curriculum Vita
- An official transcript showing completion of Psychiatry, Medicine and Neurology core clerkships
- Upload all materials through Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO)

Available Blocks: Any block that has a psychiatry elective available and that the University of Maryland School of Medicine is allowing visiting students. You must do the elective on University of Maryland School of Medicine's calendar of rotations.

- There will be 2 visiting elective student scholarships available in the 2022-2023 academic year, with hopes to expand in the future
- To be eligible for the scholarship, the elective must be completed by November 18, 2022.
- UMMS electives eligible for the scholarship are:
 - Sub-Internships in Adult or Geriatric Psychiatry
 - Addiction Psychiatry
 - Consult Liaison Psychiatry
 - Child Psychiatry
 - Assertive Community Treatment Team

Application Timeline and Selection Process:

- Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2022
- Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee after the University of Maryland School of Medicine has accepted the applicant for the rotation and the applicant has accepted the rotation.
- Selection will be based upon:
 - Completion of all application and eligibility requirements as defined above
 - Dedication to service, leadership and scholarship in Psychiatry as demonstrated by the student's curriculum vita and personal statement
- You will be alerted of award of the scholarship within 1 month of your final acceptance of the rotation.

Questions: Please contact: Brendella Hawkins at bhawkins@som.umaryland.edu

Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine Application

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Medical School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Country of Citizenship _____ If not USA, are you a permanent resident? _____

Gender Identity: _____

Ethnicity/Race/Underrepresented Member Self-Description: _____

I understand that if I am accepted, I must fulfill all VSLO and UMSOM application requirements before I can be enrolled

I understand that if I am not accepted for this scholarship, I am still welcome to apply for any of the UMSOM Psychiatry courses offered on the VSLO platform.

Please upload to VSLO the following by **May 15th**:

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