



Diversity in Pediatrics Extern Scholarship

Application Information

Purpose

The University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine and The Children's Hospital (TCH) believes that diversity is a value that is central to its educational, research, service and health care missions. The Diversity in Pediatrics Committee's mission is to increase diversity at the School of Medicine and TCH to both better reflect the community we serve as well as to increase cultural competency in the health care workforce, improve access to health care for poor, minority and under-served populations and, ultimately, eliminate racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in health and health services. As part of this mission, the Diversity in Pediatrics Extern Scholarship was designed to offset the costs of an externship rotation for fourth year medical students interested in caring for medically underserved pediatric populations in Colorado, to help defer the added expense of an away rotation.

Eligibility

Any medical student attending a United States medical school (allopathic or osteopathic), other than the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, who will be a fourth-year student at the time of their externship at TCH is eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applicants shall meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to serving the medically underserved.
- Successful completion of Core Pediatrics rotation at home medical school
- Successful completion of USMLE Part 1

Award Details

Up to 6 scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded to students who meet the above criteria and have demonstrated a commitment to caring for the medically underserved as a physician. The scholarship funds will be distributed in two disbursements to award recipients.

As part of their externship, scholarship recipients will be assigned to a weekly ½ day clinic at a location which serves the medically underserved population of metro Denver. In addition, the recipient will be assigned a resident mentor for the duration of their externship rotation.

Application Requirements

Complete applications must be postmarked no later than 2 months prior to externship start date.

The following should be sent in one complete packet or email to either of the addresses below:

- Completed application form
- Two Short Answer Essays (500 words or less)
- Curriculum Vitae / Resume
- Letter of Recommendation from your Pediatric Clerkship Director (must be sent separately)
- Confirmation from your medical school that you have successfully completed your Core Pediatric rotation, and USMLE Part 1. This may be in the form of an official transcript, an official letter from your pediatric chair or clerkship director, or incorporated into your Letter of Recommendation from the Clerkship Director (may be sent separately or with application packet).



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Short Answer Essays

The applicant shall provide two short answer essays (each 500 words or less) answering the following questions.

- Describe your personal experiences and/or experiences in your training that have led you to appreciate the difficulties faced by the medically underserved. How do you foresee caring for the underserved in your future practice?
- Why are you interested in an externship at the University of Colorado/The Children's Hospital?

Submit Completed Packet & Letter of Recommendation To:

ResidentDiversityCommittee@tchden.org or mail to:

The Children's Hospital
13123 E. 16th Ave., Box 158
Aurora, CO 80045
Attn: Eric Sommers

Additional Information:

For additional information, please contact the Resident Diversity Committee at:
ResidentDiversityCommittee@tchden.org.

You will be notified of the status of your application via email. If you have questions about your application, or if there is a status change in your externship rotation application, please contact us at the email above.

Note: the scholarship application process is completely independent from the externship application process. Semi-finalist status for the scholarship does not guarantee the student will be accepted for the externship. Students must be accepted to do an externship at The University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine in order to have their scholarship award status finalized.

Housing Information: Please contact Lia Nelson-James at the Student Assistance Office (lia.nelson-james@ucdenver.edu) for information regarding local housing opportunities for externs.



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Application Form

Name _____ Date _____

Medical School _____

Date Started _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Self-described Racial/Ethnic Background (optional) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Letter of recommendation to be submitted by: _____

What externship(s) are you applying for at The Children's Hospital (include dates)?

Have you ever been to Denver / Aurora Colorado? If so, for what purpose?

What types of residency program(s) are you considering applying to? (check all that apply)

Pediatrics

Obstetrics / Gynecology

Family Medicine

Other: _____

Internal Medicine