



Summer Medical & Dental Education Program

SMDEP



Program Description

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Website for more information

- <http://www.smdep.org>
- <http://www.aamc.org>



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Program offerings include:

- Academic enrichment in the basic sciences (organic chemistry, physics, biology, pre-calculus/calculus) and key elective courses (writing, oral presentations, current topics in health)
- Learning-skills seminars, including study skills and methods of individual and group learning
- Limited clinical exposure through small-group clinical rotations and full-group clinician seminars
- Career development, including the exploration of the medical and dental professions and an individualized education plan to identify other appropriate summer experiences
- A financial-planning workshop

Important Dates and News

SMDEP 2007 application deadline: March 1

SMDEP Travel Scholarship

Deadline: March 1, 2007
[Travel Scholarship information and application \(PDF, 2 pages\)](#)

SMDEP Ambassadors

Obinna Umumankwe, Odayme Quesada, and Clifford Pierre are the winners of the 2006 SMDEP Ambassador recruitment competition. [More >>](#)



History

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Increase diversity in medicine
- Encourage highly qualified minorities to be applicants for medical school
 - Traditionally underrepresented
 - African Americans
 - Latin Americans/Hispanics
 - Native American



History

- Today the foundation is looking to increase diversity by
 - encouraging underrepresented minorities to participate
 - inviting individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to take part in the program
 - encouraging those interested in increasing diversity in health care to apply
 - encouraging anyone who has an interest in serving underserved populations or areas to participate



History

- Program started in 1988.
- Involved inviting individuals to participate in an intensive 6 week summer program free of charge for the participants.
 - Help potential applicants to medical appreciate the academic challenges to be successful in medical curriculum
 - Provide clinical exposure
 - Provide successful test taking skills
 - Help potential applicants understand the application process



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- 12 different sites across the United States.
 - California
 - Connecticut
 - District of Columbia
 - Kentucky
 - Nebraska
 - New York
 - New Jersey
 - North Carolina
 - Ohio
 - Texas
 - Virginia
 - Washington State

SMDEP Program Sites - Mozilla

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Program Sites

- [Case Western Reserve University Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine](#) (OH)
- [Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and College of Dental Medicine](#) (NY)
- [David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and UCLA School of Dentistry](#) (CA)
- [Duke University School of Medicine](#) (NC)
- [Howard University Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Dentistry and Medicine](#) (DC)
- [The University of Texas Dental Branch and Medical School at Houston](#) (TX)
- [UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical and New Jersey Dental Schools](#) (NJ)
- [University of Louisville Schools of Medicine and Dentistry](#) (KY)
- [University of Nebraska Medical Center, Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry](#) (NE)
- [University of Virginia School of Medicine](#) (VA)
- [University of Washington Schools of Medicine and Dentistry](#) (WA)
- [Yale University School of Medicine](#) (CT)

Compare Program Sites

The Basics: Start and end dates, site locations

Curriculum: Program content and highlights

Living & Finances: Daily life and money matters*

Contacts: Program site contact info

* Stipends are designed to support scholars throughout the six weeks at SMDEP. Each program site determines the amount given based on local factors such as cost of living, whether or not meals or travel are included, etc. Even though amounts vary among program sites, the stipend allowance given to each scholar is adequate to support them with their day-to-day living expenses during the six weeks attending the program.

Stipend amounts and distribution schedules will be outlined in the program acceptance materials.

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- Medical/Dental School Courses
- Meet and greet with medical & dental students, admissions counselors
- Clinical experience
- Workshops
 - Study skills
 - Test taking strategies
 - Personal statements
 - Mock interviews



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- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Complete 1 yr of college
- Total GPA 3.0 or greater
- Science GPA 2.75 or greater
- SAT of 950 or ACT of 20
- Freshman & Sophomores only



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- Come from racially or ethnically underrepresented group in medicine (groups that have traditionally faced challenges in applying to medical school.)
- Come from a disadvantaged background
- Has genuine interest in issues surrounding underserved populations and understanding health care disparities
- Strong letters of recommendation
- Excellent essay



Essays for SMDEP

- Typically 2 essays
 - Why do I want to be a dentist/physician
 - In what ways can you serve the disadvantaged or underserved?



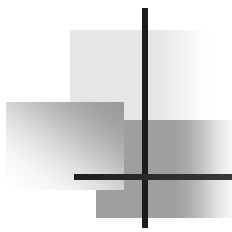
BEST PART!

- It's free ...
 - Round trip – Travel Scholarship *
 - Room & Board
 - Tuition
 - Stipend *



When do I apply?

- Applications are made available by the AAMC & ADEA November 1, 2007 *.
- Submit applications ASAP.
- Acceptances are offered as early as December 11, 2007 *.
- * estimated dates based on last year



What do I do now?

- Think about who you want to write your letters.
- Get 2 science professors
- Get 1 science professor and 1 character reference
- Get 1 from a teacher in your major and 1 science
- Work on your essay.
- Prepare to have transcripts sent after the end of Fall semester.