Center for Multicultural & Community Affairs
Summer Research Program for 1st Year URM Medical Students

Application

DEADLINE – MARCH 19TH, 2010

SUBMIT ONE COMPLETED APPLICATION & MATERIALS VIA MAIL OR EMAIL TO:

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APPLICATION COVER PAGE – PLEASE COMPLETE!

Despite a marked improvement in the overall health status of citizens of the United States, not all Americans have benefited equally from improvements in care. Racial and ethnic health disparities in death, disease, and disability still persist. As a HRSA-funded Center of Excellence in Minority Health and in support of developing a minority health research agenda at MSSM, CMCA offers a $3,000 stipend for an 8 week mentored summer research experience for a limited number of Mount Sinai School of Medicine first year medical students who are from groups underrepresented in medicine. The applicant must demonstrate an interest in gaining tangible skills, training, and experience in the basic concepts of basic, clinical, health services, and or community-engaged research with a focus on disparities in health particularly among underserved, vulnerable, and minority populations. Opportunities for involvement in research focused on health disparities are both broad and diverse and can be made available through the CMCA’s collaboration with the Mount Sinai Medical Student Research Office, various Departments within the medical center, and with our community partners in East Harlem and elsewhere in New York City.

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name: ______________________________ MSSM Class ________________ SSN#: ____________

Street Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: _________________

Home Telephone: (______) - _______ Email Address: ____________________________

Gender: Female □ Male □

Citizenship Status: US Citizen □ Permanent Resident □ Other __________

Race/Ethnicity: □ African American/ Black
               □ Hispanic/Latino
               □ Asian-Pacific Islander
               □ Native American/American Indian
               □ Other (please specify)__________________________________________

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

1. Statement of Interest: In 2 typed pages or less in 12 size font, single or double spaced:
   • Describe specific past or current experiences with or interests in health disparities research
   • Describe which research-related skills and training you intend to gain through your proposed research project and how this experience will benefit your medical education and training in becoming a physician.

2. Proposed Research Project Description: In 2 pages or less single or double spaced include the mentor’s name and affiliation and a tentative research plan that discusses the briefly the background, specific aims, research question, and timeline of the proposed project. *Abstracts submitted for MSRO funding are acceptable.

3. Research Mentor Letter of Support – this letter must come from your research project mentor and emphasize their commitment to serve as your research mentor for the duration of the project.