

APA MINORITY MEDICAL STUDENT SUMMER EXTERNSHIP IN ADDICTION PSYCHIATRY

This clinical shadowing is a new program intended to identify ethnic minority medical students who may have a specific interest in services related to substance abuse treatment and prevention and provide experiences to foster this interest.

Ten medical students will spend one month during their summer break working with a mentor at a designated site where they will get a hands-on look at how psychiatrists treat patients and participate in an interactive didactic experiential learning program.

Program Goals:

The goals of the program are to cultivate medical student interest in serving minority and underserved populations and to recruit minorities into psychiatry. It is designed to expose ethnic minority medical students to a setting where they can work closely with a psychiatrist mentor who specializes in addiction psychiatry. Mentors and sites are selected where there is an approved substance abuse training program and a significant number of substance abuse patients are from minority and underserved groups.

The work settings will be chosen on the basis of their availability and emphasis on working clinically with or studying underserved minority populations and issues of co-occurring disorders, substance abuse treatment and prevention and mental health disparity. Most will be inner-city or rural settings. Emphasis will also be placed on programs which are certified by the Accreditation Council in General Medical Education (ACGME), although the program is not limited to these. This program will not only provide a role model, but also a positive view of how important psychiatric services, particularly addiction psychiatry are to minority populations. The student will be required not only to shadow their mentor but also have a one to two hour one-on-one supervision per week. The mentors and mentees will be encouraged to keep in contact after the summer experience.

What type of work settings will I work in?

Medical students can expect to work in a research, academic or clinical setting.
Applicants are encouraged to invite other possible mentors to sign up.

What type of support is available?

This program supports the travel expenses, of the medical student (up to \$1,500) to go to the work setting of the mentor for out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the conduct of the externship. Care will be given to match the student with a mentor in close geographic proximity, although the student is not limited to those close to him/her. Students will be responsible for arranging housing (if applicable). Actual lodging and meals of the medical student for an entire month plus travel cannot exceed \$1,500.

Work sites that have signed up to date are:

- **New York University**
- **VA Commonwealth University**
- **University of Michigan**
- **University of Pennsylvania**
- **Tampa VA**
- **Boston University**
- **McLean Hospital**
- **Howard University**

- **University of Illinois @ Chicago**
- **University of Hawaii**
- **Yale University**
- **Cedars-Sinai Medical Center**

Who is eligible to apply?

This program is open to all ethnic minority medical students (MS1 to MS1V) currently enrolled in a U.S. medical school. Ethnic minorities are: American-Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian, Asian American, African American and Hispanic.

How do I apply?

Applicants must submit the following items:

- A completed application form
- A brief statement of interest, not to exceed one typewritten page
- Letter from the medical school Dean's office indicating that the medical student is in good academic standing
- A copy of the medical student's curriculum vitae

Applications can be downloaded from

www.psych.org/Resources/OMNA/MFP/Medical-Student-Application-Form-2011.aspx

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Where do I submit the completed application?

Minority Medical Student Summer Externship in Addiction Psychiatry
Department of Minority/National Affairs
American Psychiatric Association
1000 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1825
Arlington, VA 22209

You may also fax your application packet to 703/907-7852.

When is the deadline?

Deadline to apply is **February 28**. Selections will be announced in April.

Whom do I contact if I need more information?

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