The Visiting Research Internship Program (VRIP) is an eight-week mentored, summer research program designed to enrich medical students’ interest in research and health-related careers, particularly clinical/translational research careers.

In addition to a mentored clinical/translational research experience, VRIP students participate in weekly seminars with Harvard Faculty focusing on topics such as research methodology, health disparities, ethics, and career paths. Participants also have the opportunity to participate in offerings of other Harvard Medical School programs such as career development seminars and networking dinners.

The Harvard Catalyst Program for Faculty Development and Diversity at Harvard Medical School

2010 Visiting Research Internship Program Student Presentations

Opening Remarks
Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MBA
Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership
Harvard Medical School

Introduction
Carol A. Martin, MPA
PFDD Program Manager

Student Presentations:

Oluseyi Awoldele, Howard University College of Medicine
Mentor: Alexander Lin, PhD, Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Presentation: “Discovery and Validation of a Diagnostic Signature for Chronic Pelvic Pain Syndrome Using Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy.”

Lauren Henderson, Morehouse School of Medicine
Mentor: Harland Winter, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital
Presentation: “Ascertaining Significant Gene and Protein Biomarkers Associated With Active Disease: A Study on Inflammatory Bowel Disease”

Juliana Llano, Howard University College of Medicine
Mentor: Souvenir Tachado, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Presentation: “Elevated Lung IL-10 Impairs TLR-4 mediated TNFα Release in Human Macrophages In Vitro”

Angela Mayorga, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine
Mentor: Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH, Children’s Hospital Boston
Presentation: “Parents and Tots Together, Phase 1: Key challenges of general parenting and weight-related practices affecting preschoolers: low-income parents’ perceptions”

Barbara Nzegwu, University of Toledo College of Medicine
Mentor: Suzanne Walker, PhD, Harvard Medical School
Presentation: “Characterization of Cell Wall Stress Response Proteins in Staphylococcus aureus to a Wall Teichoic Acid Inhibitor”

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Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program (SCTRP)

2010 Student Presentations

9am – 2pm

Thursday, August 19 2010
Benjamin Waterhouse Room
Gordon Hall

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The Program for Faculty Development and Diversity seeks to emphasize the recruitment and retention of a diverse clinical/translational workforce as a top priority throughout Harvard Catalyst in governance, programming, training, and resource allocation.

Office for Diversity and Community Partnership

The Office for Diversity and Community Partnership (DCP) focuses on two broad areas at Harvard Medical School: minority faculty development and educational outreach. The DCP Office aims to ensure that Harvard Medical School truly reflects the community it serves by promoting increased recruitment, retention and advancement of underrepresented minority faculty at Harvard Medical School, overseeing all diversity activities involving faculty, trainees, students, and staff, and coordinating partnerships with community groups and schools.

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Thursday, July 29 2010
9:00am-12:00pm
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