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

2011 Visiting Research Internship Program Student Presentations

Opening Remarks and Introduction
Carol A. Martin, MPA
PFDD Program Manager

Student Presentations:

Abby Agosto-Ventura, U. of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
“Myocardin Function is Inhibited by PCBP-1”
Mentors: Da-Zhi Wang, PhD and Ramon Espinoza-Lewis, PhD
Children’s Hospital Boston

Mark Armanious, Morehouse School of Medicine
“Radiographic Evaluation of Fungal Disease in Pediatric Leukemia Patients with Fever and Neutropenia; A Retrospective Review”
Mentor: Allison O’Neill, MD; Children’s Hospital Boston
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Theophelus Hill, Howard University College of Medicine
“The Impact of Pharmacogenetics on Warfarin Dosing and the Clinical Implications of Non-Adherence.”
Mentor: Peter Tonellato, PhD; Harvard Medical School

Ana Mosquera Pelegrina, U. of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
“HSVtk and TRAIL Released from Engineered Stem Cells Work in Concert to Treat Gliomas”
Mentor: Khalid Shah, MS, PhD; Massachusetts General Hospital

Dalia Moghazy, Meharry Medical College
“Differential Metabolic Responses in Asian Americans Transitioning From a Traditional Asian Diet to the Typical American Diet”
Mentors: George King, MD and William Hsu, MD; Joslin Diabetes Center

Juan F. Ortiz, University of Washington School of Medicine
“The Impact of Patients’ Literacy Level in Health Outcomes: a Forgotten Predictor.”
Mentor: Leroi Hicks, MD, MPH and Stephanie Mueller, MD; Brigham and Women’s Hospital

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Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program (SCTRP)
2011 Student Presentations
9am–2pm
Thursday, August 18 2011
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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