Harvard Catalyst Program for Faculty Development and Diversity Inclusion

The Program for Faculty Development and Diversity Inclusion 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.

Program Description

The Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program (SCTRP) is a ten-week mentored, summer research program designed to enrich the pipeline of college students’ understanding of and interest in pursuing clinical and/or translational research, as well as to increase underrepresented minority and disadvantaged college student exposure to clinical/translational research: research that transforms scientific discoveries arising from laboratory, clinical, or population studies into clinical or population-based applications to improve health. *

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

Eligibility

Eligible participants are: undergraduate sophomores, juniors and seniors, particularly those attending Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) and Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) NIH-funded institutions, historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), Hispanic-serving institutions, and/or tribal colleges with baccalaureate degree programs, and/or alumni of the Harvard Medical School Minority Faculty Development Program and/or the Biomedical Science Careers Program.

Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or U.S. Noncitizen Nationals or Permanent Residents of U.S.

Program Length

The ten-week, Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program begins June 5, 2017 and runs through August 11, 2017

Financial Assistance

The Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program is paid internship. Transportation is reimbursed up to $400 toward the cost of traveling to and from Boston.

Housing

The Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program provides housing for participating students.

Application & More Information

Applicants must submit: a completed application form, statement of purpose, short answer questions, resume/curriculum vitae, official transcript, and two letters of recommendation.

To receive an application, or for more information, please contact Danyellé Thorpe, Program Coordinator, at 617.432.1892 or pfdd_dcp@hms.harvard.edu. For more information visit: http://www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu/.

Deadline Dates

December 21, 2016: Delivery of completed application and all accompanying material to DICP office

February 24, 2017: Notification of 2017 SCTRP participants

Sponsor

Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center is dedicated to improving human health by enabling collaboration and providing tools, training and technologies to clinical and translational investigators. Founded in May 2008, Harvard Catalyst is a shared enterprise of Harvard University, its ten schools and its seventeen Academic Healthcare Centers (AHC), as well as the Broad Institute, MIT, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and numerous community partners.

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The Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership (DICP) at Harvard Medical School (HMS) was established in 2002 to promote the increased recruitment, retention and advancement of diverse faculty, particularly individuals from groups underrepresented in medicine (URM), at HMS and to oversee all diversity activities involving HMS faculty, trainees, students and staff.

DICP’s Minority Faculty Development Program (MFDP) offers consistent programming that is responsive to identified needs of individuals and institutions and serves as a nexus for collaborative work among HMS, HMS-affiliate faculty development programs and/or diversity/multicultural affairs offices. In addition, MFDP addresses issues of increasing the pool of minority and disadvantaged students interested in careers in science and medicine, and has built a three-pronged effort to encourage URM and disadvantaged students from all levels of the educational pipeline to pursue biomedical, STEM and health-related careers. Programs begin as early as the middle school level and carry on through the postgraduate level and involve curriculum development, teacher training, enhancing student research, and career development.

Leadership

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HMS Mission

“To create and nurture a diverse community of the best people committed to leadership in alleviating human suffering caused by disease”

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