The Visiting Clerkship Program provides support for fourth-year and qualified third-year minority (African American, Native American, and Hispanic American) medical students to participate in the Harvard Medical School Exchange Clerkship Program. It was designed to:

- Increase awareness of opportunities in academic medicine
- Increase consideration of academic training programs for internship and residency
- Increase the number of minority students applying to HMS-affiliated hospital training programs

The Visiting Clerkship Program is sponsored by the Minority Faculty Development Program of the Harvard Medical School Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership.

Participants in the Visiting Clerkship Program will be scheduled at one of the affiliated teaching hospitals of Harvard Medical School:

- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Boston Children’s Hospital
- Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- Brockton/West Roxbury Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- The Cambridge Hospital
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates
- Joslin Diabetes Center
- Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- McLean Hospital
- Mt. Auburn Hospital
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital

Eligibility

Eligible participants are: full-time, fourth-year medical students in good standing at accredited US and Canadian medical schools. Third-year students who have completed their core clerkships in medicine, surgery, pediatrics, and obstetrics are also eligible.

Students remain registered at their own schools while participating in exchange clerkships at Harvard Medical School. They are not officially enrolled as students at Harvard University.

Length

Clerkships last four weeks and are offered year-round.

Mentoring and Networking

VCP participants are assigned a faculty advisor and offered opportunities to network with HMS faculty, house staff and students. A dinner/luncheon meeting for faculty and students is held during each rotation.

Course Offerings

Visiting Clerkship Program participants can take elective courses at Harvard Medical School. Please view electives in the online catalog:

www.medcatalog.harvard.edu

In addition, participants have access to the Harvard Medical School Countway Library, hospital seminars, and hospital workshops.

Financial Assistance

The program will:

- reimburse up to $400 toward the cost of traveling to and from Boston;
- pay the application processing fee required by HMS Registrar’s Office.

Housing

The Visiting Clerkship Program provides housing for participating students.

To receive a VCP application, please return the Application Request Form on the back of this brochure or call the Visiting Clerkship office at 617-432-4422. We will send you the forms that are required for our application.

The first step is to go online at the registrar’s website at www.hms.harvard.edu/registrar and enter your clerkship preferences and your preferred month. You can then return the requested forms along with our application form to our office. We will forward all information to the registrar’s office and that office will contact you with your assigned clerkship.

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For information about the Visiting Clerkship Program, please contact the Program Coordinator at 617-432-4422 or vcp_hpsp@hms.harvard.edu or visit the website at www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu/dcp-programs/medicalgraduate/visiting-clerkship-program

More information about the Harvard Medical School Exchange Clerk Program for Visiting Medical Students can be found at the HMS Registrar’s website: www.hms.harvard.edu/registrar

You must enter the online application at the registrar’s website at least 3 months before the desired rotation but no earlier than 6 months before the rotation. In order to be competitive for a clerkship, it is best to submit your application before the 3 month deadline. Then follow up by sending all requested materials to the VCP office. Again, for application information, please call 617-432-4422. The Registrar strictly enforces application deadlines.
The Minor Faculty Development Program in the Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership (ODCP) was created by the Harvard Medical School Faculty Council in 1990 to support the career development of junior faculty and to address the following crucial pipeline issues:

- Increasing the pool of minority students interested in careers in science and medicine
- Promoting medical students, graduate students, and fellows to develop the needed skills for success in the academic arena
- Advancing the career development of junior faculty

The ODCP works to continue the Harvard tradition of excellence in science and medicine through our innovative programs and initiatives aimed at addressing the following critical pipeline issues:

- Increasing the pool of minority students interested in careers in science and medicine
- Advancing the career development of junior faculty
- Promoting the participation of minority faculty in the academic arena

Our pipeline programs reach out to the Boston and Cambridge communities through sessions that teach, enrich, and encourage children's aspirations for future science and health careers. We also offer information and guidance to their parents, as well as programs of interest to the greater community.

Please mail this form to:
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Visiting Clerkship Program
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