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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

Week of February 9, 2009

The purpose of this pre-professional e-bulletin is to provide you with various information regarding summer research programs and other helpful information.

In this edition, you will find information on internships, research opportunities, and different summer programs. Read the descriptions below for more information. Pay careful attention because deadlines are quickly approaching. Enjoy this semester!

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California School of Podiatric Medicine Immersion week

Application Deadline: May 1, 2009

CSPM Immersion week offers a unique opportunity for pre-med students to learn more about the profession of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Attend various lectures on topics related to the foot and ankle
- Shadow faculty and students in a variety of clinical settings
- Participate in a full-day MCAT strategy session
- Experience a wonderful week in the San Francisco Bay Area

Money for incidental expenses will be needed. Room and Board and Travel Expenses (up to \$500) will be covered

Application materials and more information can be found at:

www.samuelmerritt.edu/immersion

Questions may be directed to Andre Singleton- 510.869.6511 ext. 4297

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UCLA Prep: Pre-medical and Pre-dental enrichment program

Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2009

The office of Academic Enrichment and Outreach at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is currently accepting applications for the UCLA Premedical/Pre-dental Enrichment Program (UCLA PREP).

UCLA PREP is an intensive, summer program where promising students who come from educationally and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds are exposed to the rigors of academic medicine and dentistry. Included are the preceptorships with physicians and dentists in clinical and research settings. The program is enhanced by students being mentored in intimate, structured, clustered groups by trained teaching assistants: themselves accomplished medical students.

The application and further program materials are available at:

www.medstudent.ucla.edu/prospective. Click on premedical programs, PREP.

University of Michigan Medical School and School of Dentistry Profile for Success

Application Deadline: February 27, 2009

Profile for success is an intensive 6-week educational enrichment and skill-development summer residential program for highly motivated 3rd, 4th, and recent graduates from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds. Students with a demonstrated interest in serving the underserved are also eligible to apply.

PFS is comprised of two components: pre-medical and pre-dental. PFS participants prepare for the DAT or MCAT in structured classes or facilitated study groups and are exposed to research, careers in dental and medical education, and in-depth exposure to dental/medical career specialties. Each participant is assigned a dental/medical student mentor, and there are formal and informal opportunities for participants to interact with faculty and staff.

Both components aim to prepare students to navigate the medical school/dental school admission process successfully, with activities including mock interviews, personal essay writing, and application service workshops.

The PFS Program has a proven track record of providing students with the essential skills and opportunities to become successful candidates for dental or medical schools.

This program provides housing, and a partial travel allowance and stipend for meals. The DAT or MCAT Exam fee is also paid.

For additional information and to download applications, please visit our website at: www.med.umich.edu/medschool/diversity/pfs.html.

Contact via email: pfs.directors@umich.edu or at 734-764-8185 (Pre-medical)
734-763-3313 (Pre-dental)

Harvard Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program

Application Deadline: March 6, 2009

The Harvard Catalyst Program for Faculty Development and Diversity in the Office for Diversity and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School is launching a new summer program: The summer Clinical and Translational Research Program for college students created to enhance the development and recruitment of a robust, diverse, clinical/translational workforce pipeline.

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 under-represented minority and disadvantaged college student exposure to clinical/translational research.

Program participants are provided housing, a stipend and financial assistance up to \$500 toward their travel expenses to and from Boston. Students are assigned a Clinical/Translational faculty advisor, and are offered the opportunity to network with Harvard faculty and take part in career development seminars and networking dinners.

Please visit www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu/Catalyst/CollegeStudents.html for additional information

Questions: Vera Yanovsky : 617-432-1892 or vera_yanovsky@hms.harvard.edu

New Osteopathic Medical School Sites

Application Deadline: Vary

Two new locations to pursue your medical school education studies.

LECOM to Expand Medical School to Seton Hill University

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) has received approval to open an additional campus at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA. LECOM will accept 104 students at this campus, growing LECOM Erie to 354 students. Another 150 students study at LECOM Bradenton, a branch campus in Florida. LECOM at Seton Hill University will open for the 2009 academic year.

MSUCOM Opens Two New Sites in Southeast Michigan

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) has received approval from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) to increase its class size by 100 students, who will pursue studies at two new locations at Detroit Medical Center and Macomb University Center in Clinton Township. Detroit Medical Center is currently undergoing renovations to accommodate the expansion, and Macomb University Center will lease space to MSUCOM until a new building is constructed.

Western University—College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, CA has received approval to open an additional campus in Lebanon, Oregon. The first class will matriculate in August 2011 and applicants will be able to apply in the AACOMAS 2010 cycle. For additional information, visit their website at: www.westernu.edu

Visit: [Http://www.aacom.org](http://www.aacom.org) for more additional information

Medical Exposure Program: University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

The following programs are great for pre-medical students looking for a two-week, intensive, medical exposure program!

Summer Surgery Experience

www.med.uc.edu/sse <<http://www.med.uc.edu/sse>>

Summer Neuroscience Experience

www.med.uc.edu/sne <<http://www.med.uc.edu/sne>>

VCOM Post Baccalaureate Program

VCOM will be offering a one year pre-medical post-baccalaureate program this fall!

This program will be an excellent preparation for students interested in applying to an osteopathic or allopathic medical program and/or for students interested in pursuing a master's degree in biomedical sciences or a related field. The curriculum will include biomedical coursework, clinical experiences, and will have an MCAT prep component.

The integration of clinical experiences into our program is an exciting component! Several early clinical experiences will be incorporated where students work with local patients and students will also be afforded an opportunity to participate in an international medical mission experience. As many of you know, VCOM has one of the most comprehensive and extensive international programs for our medical school students, with permanent clinics and medical relationships in the Dominican Republic, Honduras and El Salvador. The skills VCOM post-bac students will acquire by integrating clinical experiences with intensive biomedical coursework will enhance their preparation for medical school and/or other graduate level degrees.

Options after completing the VCOM post-bac program! While many students will pursue admission to medical school upon completing the post-bac program, some may want to pursue other graduate degrees. VCOM is currently working with two universities for acceptance of credits from the VCOM post-bac program into master's degree programs in biomedical sciences. It is expected that we may have a third university on board in the future, giving more options to students who enter the post-bac program and either choose not to, or do not ultimately, gain admission to medical school.

Students applying to VCOM's post-bac program will need pre-med coursework (one year each of Biology, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Physics) and to complete their baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation. MCAT scores or other graduate level standardized test scores are desired but not required.

Students interested in more information and application instructions for the VCOM Post baccalaureate program should e-mail Julianne Smartt at jmartt@vcom.vt.edu.

University of Michigan's "Pre-MSTP" Summer Program
Deadline: February 15, 2009

The deadline has been extended until February 15, 2009 for the University of Michigan's Pre MSTP Summer program. This program provides a student stipend of \$4,200.

MSTP Summer Biomedical Research Program is designed to provide an opportunity for highly motivated and talented undergraduates interested as careers as physician scientists to enhance their science and academic skills. The program is targeted towards students who are from an under-represented minority group (African American, Latino, Native American), and those from socioeconomic cultural, or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

Applicants should have completed at least their freshman undergraduate year. The main focus of the program is laboratory biomedical research, but the program also includes physician shadowing, an MCAT prep course, and an opportunity to attend bi-weekly seminars, and a three-day MSTP retreat in Higgins Lake in August.

For more details and the application, visit
<http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/mstp/application/index.html>

Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 17, 2009

Do something good for someone you know who is deserving of a helpful hand without question or reward. Or just do something nice for someone you don't know! Take advantage of this day!

University of Michigan Medical School Information Fair
Wednesday March 18 , 2009

Ann Arbor- In the Michigan Union
3:00- 6:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to the University of Michigan Medical School Information Fair. This is open to MD, DO, MSTP, and postbaccalaureate/special masters programs students.

Online Registration is now open. For details see:
<http://www.careercenter.umich.edu/employers/empfairsandevents/msifemp.html>

UMASS Medical School- 2009 Undergraduate Research Experience

2009 Summer Undergraduate Research Program
Ten Week Program - June 1, 2009 - August 7, 2009

2008 NIH, SURE and HHMI UMMS Summer Research Fellows
<http://umassmed.edu/summer/index.aspx>)

St George's University Open House

School of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Open houses

Reservations Required for US and Canadian Open Houses
RSVP :1 (800) 899-6337, ext 305

Monday February 9, 2009

Time: 6:30- 8:30 pm

Hyatt Regency Cleveland at The Arcade
420 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Tuesday February 9, 2009

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

The Cincinnation Hotel
601 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Wednesday February 11, 2009

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Hilton Milwaukee City Center
509 W Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Monday February 23, 2009

Time: 6:30-8:30

Omni Majestic Hotel
1019 Pine Street
St. Louis, MO 63103

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Hotel Phillips
106 W 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105

International Opportunities for Spring Break- Panama

ISL sends medical/dent/opt/public health/PT/vet/pharmaceutical teams to countries in Latin America, Central America, and Africa. We include pre-health students on our teams as a way of preparing the next generation of international medical caregivers. Students receive supervised hands-on experience, health related seminars, and financial sponsorship.

International Service Learning has reduced our Spring Break teams. We have a special new program to Panama.

Our New Panama Program information is available at this URL
http://www.islonline.org/flyers/Panama_Spring_Break_2009.pdf

PANAMA - March 28- April 5, 2009 - \$1585 - \$1385

Other great opportunities reduced \$100:

March 7-15 Nicaragua - Dental

March 14 - 22 Costa Rica - Gen. Med

March 14 - 22 Belize - Gen. Med

March 14 - 22 Nicaragua - Gen. Med

March 21 - 29 Belize - Gen. Med

March 21 - 29 Dominican Republic - Gen. Med

March 28 - April 5 Nicaragua - Gen. Med

March 28 - April 5 Belize - Gen. Med

Our 2008-2009 Schedule is available on our website at www.ISLonline.org . Just click on Team Schedule. We have teams scheduled throughout the year.

For professional/program references and information, please contact me directly
Michael@ISLonline.org (361-549-6035) or see our web site at www.ISLonline.org.

The Summer Medical And Dental Education Program (SMDEP)

Application Deadline: March 1st

The Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP) is a free six week summer academic enrichment program for freshman and sophomore college students who are interested in a career in medicine or dentistry.

To apply and for additional information visit our website at www.smdep.org or call the National Program Office toll-free at (866) 587-6337.

Early application strongly encouraged!
