

Diversity in Medicine Visiting Clerkship Award

OVERVIEW

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion of the Keck School of Medicine (KSOM) is excited to announce the Diversity in Medicine Visiting Clerkship Award, which provides support for fourth year medical students to participate in the KSOM visiting student clerkship program. As an institution that serves a diverse patient population, Keck strives to recruit an equally diverse group of residents who are dedicated to the care of the underserved and are motivated to work with this population both inside and outside of the hospital. One goal of the Visiting Clerkship Award is to increase awareness of opportunities in academic medicine for student groups traditionally underrepresented in medicine. The American Association of Medical Colleges defines underrepresented in medicine students as “those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population.”

The Diversity in Medicine Visiting Clerkship Award is targeted at medical students from diverse backgrounds, including students who are underrepresented in medicine, but is not restricted by race or ethnicity. The program is designed to help build a comprehensive sense of connection on the Keck campus by leveraging the diverse array of experiences that exist among the Trojan family as well as in the distinctly diverse community of greater Los Angeles.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- KSOM will fund a limited number of Diversity in Medicine Visiting Clerkship Awards from July to November to full time fourth year medical students in good standing at accredited US medical schools.
- The program will provide a stipend up to \$2,000 to each recipient to help defray the costs of an away rotation.
- Housing is the responsibility of the awardee.
- Clerkships will last for four weeks and are available in all clinical departments offering fourth year medical student rotations.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants **must** meet the following criteria to be considered:

- **Be accepted for a visiting student clerkship at the Keck School of Medicine of USC**
- Be a 4th year medical student in good academic and professional standing at an LCME accredited medical school

MENTORING AND NETWORKING

Diversity in Medicine awardees will each be paired with a faculty advisor and offered opportunities to network with the KSOM faculty. They will be given the opportunity to have a personal meeting with the residency program director of their clerkship. Recipients may also request to be connected with existing Resident Affinity Groups that can introduce them to KSOM's diverse community and its resources.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

- Apply for the elective using the AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) application service
- Upon acceptance to an elective, complete the Diversity in Medicine Visiting Clerkship Award application online. Access the online application by visiting:
<https://keck.usc.edu/diversity-and-inclusion/diversity-in-medicine-visiting-clerkship-award/>
- Email the following supporting documents to the Keck Office of Diversity and Inclusion (**keckodi@usc.edu**):
 - One letter of recommendation
 - USMLE Transcript
 - Proof of acceptance as a visiting student at the Keck School of Medicine of USC

Applications will be reviewed individually and awarded on a rolling basis. Once you have submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation email.

For complete details, visit:

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