

As a joint venture between the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement and the Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center Department of Dermatology, we are pleased to offer the **Diversity Scholar Visiting Medical Student Elective**. This elective is seeking applicants who come from an underrepresented-in-medicine background and have demonstrated vision and commitment to improving the health status of diverse patient populations. Students must display genuine interest in exploring issues of social determinants of health, population medicine, access to care, and social justice as it relates to dermatology. We seek to increase diversity and cultural competency in the healthcare workforce and to promote interest in academic medicine.



Who is Eligible to Participate?

- U.S. citizenship
- Economically disadvantaged or of a low socio-economic status (SES), **or** self-identifies as a member of a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in medicine relative to their numbers in the general population
- Enrollment as a 4th year medical student at an LCME-accredited institution at the time of elective. Must have completed core rotations
- Demonstrates commitment to improving the health status of diverse patient populations
- A Step 1 score greater than 220 is highly encouraged.

What are the Expectations of the Program?

- Complete a four (4) week elective in clinical dermatology in Oklahoma City, OK.
- A stipend of \$1500 will be provided to help cover housing, travel, food, and other living and associated expenses.
- Mentorship with select dermatology faculty members and residents to provide career and professional guidance as well as a personal connection to the community. Emphasis will be placed on the residency application process.
- Scholarly production of dermatologic issues related to skin of color and associated practice gaps as well as social determinants of health
- Networking opportunities within the department and medical college at large.
- Participation in daily clinics and didactics and resident interaction

How Do I Apply?

Please include the following in your application:

- Submission of formal application on VSAS (listed as diversity)
- Curriculum Vitae, including USMLE Step 1 Score
- Include self-identification of which underrepresented in medicine group you belong
- Please answer the following supplemental questions in a less than 2 minute video recording (via Zoom only):
 1. Describe your career goals.
 2. Why are you interested in an elective in dermatology at University of Oklahoma?
 3. Describe your commitment to promoting the health of diverse patient populations. How do you think social determinants of health impact patients in the specialty that you are choosing to pursue?
 4. What role should diversity play in the make-up of the healthcare workforce?

Please submit your application and video to: dermatology@ouhsc.edu

2021 Elective Dates: August 2-27

August 30-September 24

September 27-October 22

October 25-November 19

Applicants will be accepted on a rolling basis. 2-3 applicants will be selected for 2021.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: June 30, 2021. Late applications may be reviewed based on availability.

Please contact Dr. Levin with any questions:

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