



Dr. George J. Magovern, Sr. Underrepresented Minority (URiM) Clerkship

AHN is creating a national model for the recruitment of underrepresented minority medical students to ensure the diversity of future generations of health care leaders. We pledge to meet the needs of the underserved and underrepresented ethnic communities with the strongly held belief that a diverse clinical workforce is necessary to achieve health equity.

The AHN Clerkship hosts 4 minority medical students (US citizens only) annually, offering them hands-on exposure to career opportunities in our academic medical center. As an integral part of the residency recruitment initiative, this program is focused on the inclusion of a diverse generation of future health care leaders. Clerkships are offered for a maximum of 4-weeks, available July through October only. Block times may be flexible if necessary.

ABOUT AHN AND DR. GEORGE J. MAGOVERN

AHN is an affiliate of Drexel University College of Medicine. George J. Magovern, Sr., MD, a world-renowned pioneer of open-heart and transplant surgery, helped establish the city of Pittsburgh as a major center for medical treatment and research. He performed the first successful heart valve replacement in Pennsylvania; developed a sutureless heart valve that reduced the time needed for heart-valve replacement and lowered the mortality rate; and performed the world's second lung transplant. He also developed a high-volume, low-pressure endotracheal tube called the Lanz Device; pioneered the clinical use of small centrifugal pumps as left/right ventricular assist devices; performed the nation's first cardiomyoplasty procedure, in which back muscle is wrapped around an ailing heart and trained to beat; and developed a prototype nuclear-powered artificial heart and nuclear-powered pacemaker. Dr. Magovern spent close to 30 years teaching medical students, surgical residents and fellows. He directed the Allegheny General Hospital thoracic surgery residency program and was chairman of the hospital's department of surgery for more than 25 years, retiring from the post in 1995.

WHY BECOME AN AHN CLERK?

Benefits of the AHN Clerkship include:

- The clerkship will expose minority medical students to the many career opportunities available in academic medical centers and foster an environment in which underrepresented ethnic minorities excel.
- Clerkship acknowledges that minority physicians are underrepresented nationally, both in the practicing medical community and in the full-time academic medical community.
- Clerkship joins the Highmark Foundation, the National Medical Fellowships Inc., the National Institutes of Health, and the Commonwealth Fund in their efforts to address this situation.
- Academic medical centers in urban settings provide the ideal culturally and ethnically diverse environment for minority residents to receive training.

- AHN is committed to developing a dynamic, thriving and diverse team of physicians, nurses, health care professionals and management staff that more fully represents the medical community and the population it serves.

Features of the AHN Clerkship include:

- Each clerk will be supported with a \$2,500 for living expenses.
- Each clerk will be assigned a community, research and clinical mentor.
- Participants will receive a tour of the local area.

Expectations for the clerkship include:

- A presentation at Specialty Grand Rounds
- One-to-one meeting with the AHN Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Clinical Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer

PREREQUISITES

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Underrepresented minority fourth year medical students
- United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step one/COMLEX 1 score
- Core clinical clerkships completed prior to participation in the AHN Clerkship Visiting Clerkship program
- Current transcript
- In good standing at home school
- Home school's approval to participate in the desired elective
- Immunizations (required ones on VSLO) up to date, completed and documented
- A copy of the most recent background check from medical school
- Two letters of recommendation
- Health insurance
- Malpractice insurance

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Visiting AHN Clerks must submit verification of completion of the following immunizations:

- **Hepatitis B:** series of three doses; serology, if available.
- **Measles, mumps and rubella:** Immunization or titer, in the case of measles, if the application had the disease, a doctor's signature is required to confirm office record.
- **Chicken pox (varicella):** if no documented history, an antibody titer to measure immunity is strongly recommended
- **Diphtheria/tetanus:** record of booster within the past 10 years
- **Polio:** completed series of immunization indicating type of vaccine, as well as date of last booster
- **Tuberculosis:** PPD by Mantoux method or interferon-gamma release assays (IGRAs), within the past year prior to completion of AHN Clerkship. If positive, chest x-ray results are required. Students who have received BCG vaccine must specify date and may be required to provide chest x-ray results.

HEALTH INSURANCE

AHN requires all visiting medical students to have valid personal health insurance, whether through their medical school or via personal coverage. AHN does not provide personal health insurance for visiting medical students.

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Malpractice and/or general liability insurance is not provided to visiting medical students. This must be provided by the student or his/her medical school. Documented proof of health insurance, malpractice coverage and a record of immunizations are part of the VSLO application. Documentation of student-purchased liability coverage must be confirmed 30 days prior to the start of the elective(s). If your school does not provide such coverage please contact our medical student office immediately.

ALTERNATE CLERKSHIP CHOICES

- In the event that your primary clinical elective selection is filled, you are advised to list two alternate choices.
- Registration in an elective will be confirmed only after the application form has been received and approved. Students will be notified by email of the results of their application.
- There are no two-week electives for visiting students.

APPLICATION PROCESS

For questions about how to apply to the AHN Clerkship, please contact Pam Kozlowski at Pamelasue.KOZLOWSKI@ahn.org.