OUR PROGRAM

The Leadership in Health Disparities Program (LHDP) evolved from the Stanford Medical School’s Early Matriculation Program (EMP) that began in 1984 to promote academic careers in medicine among minority and disadvantaged medical students. Over the past decades, the EMP was successful in helping students achieve academic and leadership careers. Yet, because of the persistence of health inequities in the nation, the EMP has evolved into the LHDP to create the next generation of physician leaders to address health disparities.

SUMMER PROGRAM & TWO-YEAR LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Today, the LHDP is available to all matriculating medical students. It includes a summer early matriculation component directed at initiating a successful medical and leadership career, and a two-year leadership seminar series during the school year focused on increasing students’ knowledge of health inequities and the roles of physician leaders. We encourage those students who are interested in careers addressing health inequities to consider this program.

The summer is comprised of a seven-week program that is offered during the summer quarter preceding the first year of medical school. It offers students the following activities:

- Introduction to population disparities
- Meetings with the medical school’s leadership and community health leaders
- Exposure to research opportunities with faculty in one of the scholarly concentrations
- Weekly sessions on developing leadership skills in medicine
- Course on integration of concepts of basic science with clinical science
- Pre-matriculation clinical training program designed to provide early hands on introduction to taking patient histories
- Interactions with medical students, residents and faculty interested in health inequities

Dr. Fernando Mendoza, Associate Dean of Minority Advising and Programs, and Professor of General Pediatrics, with future leaders in medicine.
“The program enables students to develop skills as leaders, researchers, and mentors. I really appreciated the diversity of the learning environments that we encountered…” – LHDP Student

IMPORTANT DATES
May 5 - Registration deadline for Summer program.

Early May 2017 – Online Summer Housing Registration Deadline (First Round) - TBA

June 27 - Start of Summer program.

August 9 - Last Day of Summer program.

PROGRAM FINANCES FOR SUMMER PROGRAM
Students matriculate for the summer quarter and pay a reduced tuition rate. Participants receive a research assistantship, which covers the research rate tuition and salary covering the seven-week program. Financial aid is not available.