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# LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH DISPARITIES PROGRAM

## 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 & 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 evolved into the LHDP to create the next generation of physician leaders committed to addressing health disparities.

## Summer Program & 2 Year Leadership Seminars

LHDP is available to all Stanford medical students in the summer quarter prior to their first year of medical school. It is directed at initiating a successful medical and leadership career. Program includes a two-year leadership seminar series during the school year focused on increasing students' knowledge of health inequities, the roles of a physician leader, and their leadership challenges. We encourage students interested in careers addressing health inequities to consider the program.

**The summer is comprised of an eight-week program that offers students the following activities:**

- Introduction to population health disparities.
- Meetings with medical and community health leaders on issues of health disparities.
- Introductory Anatomy course integrating concepts basic science with clinical science.
- Weekly sessions on developing leadership skills in medicine and meetings with physician leaders.
- Exposure to research opportunities with Stanford faculty members.
- Introduction to Patient Care course designed to provide early hands on introduction on taking patient histories and conducting standardized patient exams.
- Interactions with medical students, residents and faculty interested in health inequities.



**Summer Program Deadline**  
**May 4, 2026 (11:59 PM PT)**

- Space in the summer program is limited!
- Candidates must Commit to Enroll at Stanford School of Medicine by **May 29, 2026**

“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

**Program Finances for Summer Program**

Stanford medical students enroll for the summer quarter. Participants receive a research assistantship, which covers the research rate tuition and salary covering the estimated cost of living expenses for the eight-week program. The research assistantship in most instances offsets most, if not all, of the costs. Additional financial aid is not available and typically not required.



**Important Dates**



**Monday, May 4, 2026**

LHPD Application  
Deadline



**Early May**

Online Summer  
Housing Registration  
Deadline (First Round)



**Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

Start date of in-person  
LHDP



**Friday, July 31, 2026**

End date for in-person  
portion of LHDP

**Contact Information**

If you are interested in more information regarding LHDP, please contact:

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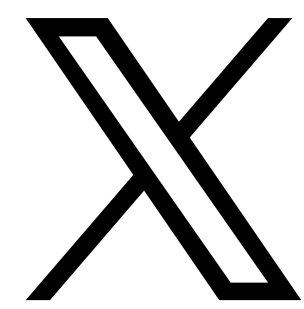
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