Stanford Department of Ophthalmology
Underrepresented in Medicine Funded Visiting Ophthalmology Clerkship

Diversity and inclusion are core values at the Stanford School of Medicine. Our goal is to draw people with a variety of backgrounds and life experiences and train them to be leaders at the forefront of innovation in teaching, research and patient care.

Program Description
In partnership with the Stanford Clinical Opportunity for Residency Experience (SCORE), the funded visiting ophthalmology clerkship program is designed to give students a chance to experience the exceptional training that Stanford Ophthalmology has to offer. It also provides Stanford ophthalmology residents and faculty a chance to form a close working relationship with each student.

Students will be exposed to a diversity of patient populations and disease processes at the Byers Eye Institute, Santa Clara Valley Hospital, and the Palo Alto VA. Students are also invited to attend morning report, weekly grand rounds, and all ophthalmology resident core lectures, in addition to an introduction and review of the ophthalmologic eye exam with Dr. Ira Schachar.

We will help students create their own 4-week experience and explore our different subspecialties in ophthalmology: Glaucoma, Anterior Segment and Cataract, Cornea, Neuro-ophthalmology, Pediatric Ophthalmology, Oculoplastics, Uveitis, Ocular Tumor, and Retina.

Funding will include up to $2000 for reimbursement of travel expenses
Housing accommodations are provided at no additional cost
Each student will have a personal meeting with the residency Program Director, Dr. Suzann Pershing
Each student will meet with OFDD (Office of Faculty Diversity and Development) Liaison and Ophthalmology Specialty Career Advisor, Dr. Caroline Fisher, who will serve as a mentor and advisor

Application Requirements
- Applicants must be from groups underrepresented in medicine (UIM). This includes individuals who are underrepresented in medicine, socially, economically, or教育ally disadvantaged, and others whose backgrounds and experiences would diversify their clinical fields.
- Completed core clerkship in Ophthalmology
- Applying for residency position in Ophthalmology

Application Must:
- Complete the application at the SCORE website
- Provide a personal statement discussing your career goals and why you’re interested in this opportunity
- Provide one letter of recommendation
- Provide a Curriculum Vitae
- Provide an official medical school transcript

The application deadline is April 30th, and acceptance notices will be sent the following week. Applicants not selected for the SCORE program, are still encouraged to submit a standard clerkship application for consideration.
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