



Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine

SLUSOM Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences

Mission and Purpose: The University seeks excellence in the fulfillment of its corporate purposes of teaching, research, health care and service to the community. It is dedicated to leadership in the continuing quest for understanding of God's creation and for the discovery, dissemination and integration of the values, knowledge and skills required to transform society in the spirit of the Gospels.

The Department of Psychiatry is excited to implement a Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM). Our hope is to engage URiM students who show passion in the field of psychiatry. We invite visiting medical students to apply to participate in a fourth year clinical elective in the Department of Psychiatry.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be enrolled in good standing at an allopathic or osteopathic school of medicine accredited by the American Osteopathic Association or LCME.
- Be in your 4th year of medical school
- Passed USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX Level 1
- Have completed your Psychiatry, Medicine, and Neurology core clerkship experiences
- Be applying for a residency position in Psychiatry
- Qualify and adhere to the Saint Louis University School of Medicine requirements for visiting students.
- Identify as a member of a group underrepresented in medicine
 - Per the Association of American Medical Colleges AAMC: "Underrepresented in medicine means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population." This lens currently includes students who identify as African Americans and/or Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians), Pacific Islander, and mainland Puerto Rican.

Program Details: The Visiting Elective Student Program provides a scholarship up to \$1500* to defray the costs of elective fees, lodging and transportation. Funds are awarded upon completion of the elective and receipts are submitted for reimbursement. The elective program consists of:

- Engaging students in a 4-week elective in Psychiatry
- Pairing students with a faculty and resident/fellow who will serve as an advisor and mentor
- Introducing students to St. Louis University Psychiatry Residency Program

*Applicants should consult with a tax advisor to determine whether the amount received is taxable income. If the amount received is determined to be taxable income, the applicant is responsible for reporting the income to the IRS.

Application Requirements:

- Apply to a Psychiatry Elective/Sub-Internship offered by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine through the Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) website
- A completed Visiting Elective Student Scholarship Application Form
- A personal statement highlighting the applicant's interest in psychiatry, why you want to rotate at St. Louis University School of Medicine, and your personal goals for the clinical elective (should not exceed 1 page typed)
- An Updated Curriculum Vita
- An official transcript showing completion of Psychiatry, Medicine, and Neurology core clerkships
- Upload all materials through Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO)

Available Blocks: Any block that has a psychiatry elective available and that St. Louis University School of Medicine is allowing visiting students. You must do the elective on St. Louis University's calendar of rotations.

- There will be 2 visiting elective student scholarships available in the 2022-2023 academic year, with hopes to expand in the future
- To be eligible for the scholarship, the elective must be completed by September 30, 2022.
- **SLU electives eligible for the scholarship are:**
 - Sub-Internships in Adult Psychiatry
 - Geriatric Psychiatry
 - Consult Liaison Psychiatry
 - Child Psychiatry

Application Timeline and Selection Process:

- Applications must be submitted by **September 30, 2022**
- Applications for scholarships will be reviewed after the applicant has been accepted for the rotation.
- Selection will be based upon:
 - Completion of all application and eligibility requirements as defined above
 - Dedication to service, leadership and scholarship in Psychiatry as demonstrated by the student's curriculum vita and personal statement
- You will be alerted of award of the scholarship within 1 month of your final acceptance of the rotation.

Questions: Please contact: Tawana East at Tawana.east@health.slu.edu with Subject Line: **"SLUSOM-M4 Scholarship"**

**Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in
Medicine Application**

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Medical School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Country of Citizenship _____ If not USA, are you a permanent resident? _____

Gender Identity: _____

Ethnicity/Race/Underrepresented Member Self-Description: _____

I understand that if I am accepted, I must fulfill all VSLO and SLUSOM application requirements before I can be enrolled

Please upload to VSLO the following by **September 30, 2022**:

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