Albany Medical College Diversity in Medicine
Fourth Year Medical Student Electives

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
Albany Medical College has a commitment to increasing the number of diverse physicians underrepresented in medicine training and working in the Albany area. As a result, we are offering visiting fourth year medical students from African American, Latino, Native American/ Alaskan Native, and Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander backgrounds a unique funded opportunity for a 4-week clinical rotation in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics or Surgery. The hope is to avail diverse students of the excellent training that is available at Albany Medical Center and encourage them to apply to our residency programs.

Targeted Visiting Students:
Fourth year medical students from African American, Latino, Native American/ Alaskan Native, and Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander backgrounds interested in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics or Surgery.

Departments/Programs Participating
The elective is available in the departments of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Surgery. Each specialty is able to support one student per month for the elective. Funding is available in the form of a stipend to cover living and travel expenses up to $3,000 per student. Elective months are available from July through January of the academic year.
**Course Description:**
An elective will be designed for the fourth year students that will as closely as possible mirror the clinical experiences of interns/ residents within Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Surgery, and which is consistent with their particular learning and specialty goals. In addition to the clinical time, students will meet each week with an Albany Medical College dean or faculty member from the specialty that they are working in.

The course director for the specific specialty selected will design the educational objectives. It will be reviewed and finalized prior to the inception of the program.

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**How to Apply:**
All primary applications must be submitted through the Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS). Please visit VSAS to find out further information regarding primary application requirements. Once the primary application is submitted, applicants will be contacted by the Visiting Student Coordinator to submit a secondary application. The secondary application will be submitted to the Visiting Student Coordinator and the Clinical Coordinator for further review. All primary and secondary applications must be submitted and complete 60 days prior to the start date of the intended rotation.

Secondary application requirements will be:
1. Letter of intent
2. Step 1 score
3. Completion of all required 3rd year clerkships at a LCME accredited U.S. medical school. Students must be in good standing prior to the start of the elective.
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