



LOYOLA MEDICINE

*Loyola University Chicago
Stritch School of Medicine*

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Summer 2008

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The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) at Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine (SSOM) is a six-week program for students interested in a career in medicine. The program's mission is to help students understand health disparities and the importance of promoting equity in healthcare.

The program prepares students through a variety of educational experiences to enhance their career in medicine with the following objectives:

- Understand the importance of healthcare equity
- Gain knowledge and skills to work effectively in underserved communities
- Integrate evidence-based medicine into learning
- Build leadership skills for medical education and community service

The program is designed for individuals who will enrich the diversity of our medical student community and who will demonstrate a commitment to lifelong service in underserved communities. It is our hope that program participants will exemplify the principles learned in the program through their future choices in medical education and practice.

REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

- United States citizenship or permanent resident visa
- Demonstrated commitment to a career in medicine
- Demonstrated potential to enrich the diversity of the medical student community
- Demonstrated commitment to service in underserved communities
- Must be an AMCAS applicant for the 2009 entering class
- Must have previously taken MCAT or will take MCAT no later than May 2008

TIME COMMITMENT

The program begins on Sunday, June 8, 2008 and ends on Friday, July 18, 2008. Participants may not be enrolled in or committed to any other programs, employment, activities, events, or research, and should anticipate some evening and weekend activities.

SUPPORT

- Participants receive a stipend of \$1,200.
- Participants receive a meal debit card, which will help defray the cost of lunch expenses
- Shared housing at a local university will be offered to students who live outside of the greater Chicagoland area.
- Lab coats, books, supplies and parking at the Medical Center will be provided at no cost.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application.
- Sealed official college transcript(s), including all coursework through December 2007.
- Résumé.
- Copy of MCAT scores, if taken prior to May 2008.
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, advisors or mentors.
- Personal statement that addresses the following theme: What are the values of diversity in a learning environment and how will you and your previous experiences enhance the medical student learning community?

MAIL TO THE ATTENTION OF:

**Summer Enrichment Program
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APPLICATION DEADLINE – MARCH 1, 2008