PERSONAL STATEMENT

The purpose of Loyola University of Chicago’s Stritch School of Medicine’s Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) is to focus on health disparities. Despite great improvements in the overall health of the nation, Americans who have historically suffered discrimination, marginalization, or exclusion (e.g. the poor, disenfranchised, racial/ethnic groups, women) are more likely than the general population to have poor health and die prematurely (http://www.cdc.gov/reach/about.htm).

As part of your application for the SEP, we ask you to write a personal statement regarding your experience with health disparities. The overall goal is to describe your commitment to reducing racial/ethnic and economic health disparities.

Please address the following questions in your statement:

- Tell us about any experience(s) you have had working with diverse populations or underserved communities.
- Share how these experiences have influenced your decision to pursue a career in medicine.
- What areas of health disparities would you like learn more about to enhance your career development in medicine?
- How do you plan to use your understanding of health disparities and the experience in SEP towards your career development?
- How will you and your experiences enhance the diversity of the medical student learning community?

Statements should be no longer than two pages, typed, and double-spaced. Please include your name at the top of each page of your statement.

Email all application materials to SEP@lumc.edu or mail to:

Summer Enrichment Program  
Office of Student Affairs  
Stritch School of Medicine  
Bldg. 120, Room 220  
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