

MSU CHM

Cultural Diversity Research Program

**An Intensive Summer Research
Opportunity**

**IMPORTANT DATED MATERIAL INSIDE
APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

APRIL 30, 2002

*Sponsored by
The Center of Excellence in Minority Medical Education and Health
Michigan State University
College of Human Medicine*

We're looking for people just like you to become a Cultural Diversity Research Scholar!

Look at what the Cultural Diversity Research Program Can offer you ...

- A five-week intensive summer research component.
- A \$40 per day stipend for qualified applicants to be used for personal expenses.
- Close interaction with an MSU faculty mentor.
- Scholarly writing and research presentation tutorials.
- Research methods tutorials.
- Library skills component.
- Resume development.
- Participation in student and professional research conferences.
- Participation in research oral and visual presentations *and much more ...*
- Up to an additional four weeks with additional stipend may be added with prior approval from the faculty mentor and program coordinator.

Applicants must:

- Be able to commit four consecutive weeks from July 9 – August 1, 2002 (6 hours per day);
- Be a current CHM Medical Scholar (Senior), ABLE, Block I (extended) or Block II (with second CMC) student in good standing in the College of Human Medicine;
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident;
- Belong to a group underrepresented in medicine, including African-American, Alaskan Native/Native American, Mexican American/Puerto Rican or other Latino (non-minority students may participate on alternative funding); and
- **Submit the completed application packet to the Center of Excellence Office, B-210 Life Sciences Building, no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2002.**

Your application and further details are inside ⇒

II. EDUCATION INFORMATION

Undergraduate Major(s) _____

Advanced Degree(s) _____

Previous research experience _____

Research interest _____

Class standing: Medical Scholar: Year _____ ABLE Block I Block II

Total Credits Earned _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____
Month Year

Have you participated in the Cultural Diversity Research Experience Program in the past? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

Have you participated in other research programs? If so, please give the name of the program and explain your role/ responsibilities:

What residency program(s) are you interested in?

III. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach a personal statement which describes your background and your interest in research and academic medicine.

IV. TRANSCRIPTS

Please submit a set of unofficial transcripts from the CHM Registrar.

V. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

At least one letter of recommendation must be submitted from a CHM faculty member who knows you academically.

VI. CONTRACT OF UNDERSTANDING

My signature below indicates that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given on this application is true, complete and accurate. Furthermore, I understand that, if accepted into the Cultural Diversity Research Program, I will be required to complete my project and submit any required documentation to the Center of Excellence prior to receiving my stipend. Also, with the permission of my research mentor, I grant to Michigan State University the non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free right to publish my project on the COE website. I represent and warrant that this abstract does not infringe on any existing copyright or other legal right.

Date _____

Signature _____

RETURN FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION, TRANSCRIPT AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE OFFICE (B210 LIFE SCIENCES BLDG.) BY THE DEADLINE

Personal Statement Form

APPLICATION PROCESS CHECKLIST

Have you:

- Completed your part of the application?
- Provided a photocopy of INS documentation, if applicable?
- Included the faculty recommendation?
- Included your personal statement?
- Signed and dated the application?
- Detached and kept this checklist and information jacket for your files?
- Delivered or sent application packet by deadline?

Please note: Incomplete application or applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

Thank you for your interest in the Cultural Diversity Research Program. We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your application. You have provided vital information that will help us in the decision-making process.

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April 1, 2002

Dear CHM Student:

The Cultural Diversity Research Program is now accepting applications for the year 2002. This is an excellent opportunity for College of Human Medicine students on the East Lansing campus. Students in the program engage in research in minority health as well as develop the skills and student-faculty mentor relationships critical to success in medical school and residency.

The Cultural Diversity Research Program sponsored by the Center of Excellence in Minority Medical Education and Health is a dynamic and interactive program designed to expose medical students to minority health research issues. The Center of Excellence is funded by the Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Public Health Service. This program encourages students interested in minority health research, particularly minority medical students, to enter academic medicine. This initiative gives students the opportunity to acquire research skills necessary to be successful in academia. To promote equal educational opportunity, the Cultural Diversity Research Program offers a broad array of experiences that prepare students to succeed at the graduate medical education level. We start by assisting students in their search for faculty mentors. This mentoring process is critical to having students develop research expertise in their given field.

Cultural Diversity Research Program students have taken their research skills and knowledge to some of the top residency programs in the country. We are pleased by student response to the first two years of the program and are delighted to offer current CHM students similar individualized opportunities. The application is online at <http://www.msu.edu/~coemmeh/diversity.htm>. Either fill out the application for yourself or pass the application information along to a promising student with the encouragement to act quickly. **The application deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2002.** If you would like an additional application, please contact Ms. Laiwana Tutt at (517) 355-2404 or via e-mail, tuttlaiw@msu.edu. For further information on the program, please contact Dr. Karen Patricia Williams at Karen.Williams@ht.msu.edu.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Karen Patricia Williams, Ph.D.

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