

Diversity Scholar Visiting Medical Student Elective in Ophthalmology

The Bascom Palmer Eye Institute offers opportunities to spark interest in ophthalmology among those who are financially disadvantaged or those who identify as under-represented in medicine. This is in line with our goals of increasing diversity in the field of ophthalmology while also mentoring students for successful careers in ophthalmology. Students will be exposed to the vast Bascom Palmer network of faculty while also gaining access to the vast educational resources offered by Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

We are providing stipends of \$2,000.00 (4-week rotation) and \$1,000.00 (2-week rotation) to qualified students to help defray the cost of the away rotation.

The **two to four weeks** clinical elective in ophthalmology is geared toward medical students interested in obtaining an in depth understanding of fundamental ophthalmology. Students will rotate through the emergency room, operating room, and various subspecialty clinics. Students will also be assigned to a faculty mentor who will meet weekly to offer guidance for a career in ophthalmology.

Prerequisite:

- Active Enrollment in an accredited medical school as a full-time student.
- Financially disadvantaged (participating in the AAMC Fee Assistance Program) or under-represented in Medicine (defined as : Black (African/African American), Latino/Hispanic (Mexican American, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Central American, South American), Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual)).
- Successful completion/submission of the requirements for the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine through the Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) portal.

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