

Four Directions Summer Research Program Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital



The Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital Four Directions Summer Research Program is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate Native American students interested in a career in medicine or biomedical research. The program is designed and run by Native American medical students and faculty. The focus of this program is an eight-week laboratory based research experience working with a senior member of the Harvard faculty. We also provide counseling towards careers in the health professions and networking opportunities with leaders in medical education and minority health. Participants also have the option of observing clinical sessions, such as in the emergency department and primary care offices.

No previous research experience is required, however we do require at least one introductory science class. Selection criteria for the program are not dependent on grades or test scores, but are instead focused on the applicant's motivation, potential, and commitment to the Native community. We strongly encourage exceptional students from rural state colleges, tribal colleges, and community colleges to apply.

Applicants must have a minimum of 1 year of undergraduate studies completed prior to the start of the program to be eligible. The program's required activities do not permit concurrent preparation for the Medical College Aptitude Test (MCAT).

There are no fees for participants. Airfare, lodging, and living stipend will be provided. Research topics are contingent upon lab availability and cannot be selected by the applicant.

The program will run from June 14th to August 6th, 2010.

This application should be submitted online at www.fdsrp.org.

Please type or print in blue or black ink. "Closest Major Airport" is the airport from which you would be departing to Boston on 6/14/09 and to which you would return on 8/8/09.

Name (Last, First): _____

Nation/Tribe: _____ SSN: _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No (If no, provide citizenship _____)

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Registering for August MCAT? Yes No

Current Address & Phone: _____

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Permanent Address & Phone: _____

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Email address: _____

Departure Airport: _____

College(s) Attended	Dates of Attendance	Major	Degree

Please completed courses:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory physics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organic chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microbiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Other science _____ |

Honors Awarded / Research Experience

How did you hear about our program?

- Internet Mentor Colleague Previous FDSRP student

(1) Please describe your involvement in the Native American community. Be sure to include any hobbies, cultural activities, or volunteer work that may demonstrate your contribution to the Native population.

(2) Please describe your interest in medicine or biomedical research, including what your goals are and how you hope to benefit yourself and the Native community by participating in the Four Directions Summer Research Program.

We would like to receive letters of recommendation that can attest to 1) your relationship to Native American communities, and 2) your academic potential. While we require a minimum of one (1) letter of recommendation, **we strongly advise that you provide two (2) letters** to ensure that your qualifications are well described. These letters can come from a combination of community leaders, instructors, or counselors. The letters should be sent to the address provided below.

Letter(s) must be postmarked by February 19th, 2010 in order for your application to be considered complete.

Please include the name and telephone number of the individuals who will provide your recommendations.

1. _____ () _____ - _____

2. _____ () _____ - _____

Once you have completed this application please mail it to:

**Elena Muench
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Office for Multicultural Faculty Careers
1620 Tremont Street 3-014.04
Boston, MA 02120**

All application materials must be postmarked by February 19th, 2010 in order to be considered complete. No exceptions!

All submitted materials become the property of the Four Directions Summer Research Program upon receipt. If you wish to confirm delivery of your application, please use U.S. mail with a return receipt.

Accepted applications will be notified of final decisions by March 5th, 2010. To receive additional applications, please email : fourdirections@partners.org or visit our website at www.fdsrp.org.