

Health Professions Office

Information for Students from Groups Underrepresented in Medicine

Like the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), UC Santa Barbara has a commitment to increase the number of underrepresented groups in the medical profession. Due to an increasing demand to meet the healthcare needs of the population, medical schools are eager to train physicians from underrepresented ethnic and cultural groups. Such groups include African Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanos(as), Native Americans (American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians) and Puerto Ricans. Please refer to the following resources:

AAMC Web-site, Minorities in Medicine

<http://www.aamc.org/students/minorities/start.htm>

AAMC Web-site, Minority Student Resources

<http://www.aamc.org/students/minorities/resources/start.htm>

AAMC Web-site, Scholarships and Financial Aid

<http://www.aamc.org/students/minorities/scholarships.htm>

It is also extremely important for students on the pre-med track to see the Health Professions Advisors, Maria Elena Bouregy or Julia Orr early in their academic career. Please refer to the Health web-site for additional resources and contact information:
www.ltsc.ucsb.edu/health.

In order to learn about pre-health activities taking place on campus, please join one of the many student organizations, such as the Health Professions Association (<http://www.ltsc.ucsb.edu/projects/hpa>) or Los Curanderos (<http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/loscuranderos/>).

Please take advantage of the resources available on campus. Becoming a physician takes commitment, dedication and perseverance. It is never too early to begin the road to medical school.