

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Programs for Underrepresented Students



A diverse class is essential in providing an excellent education for all Feinberg students. We seek to enroll a cohort of students who will benefit by learning from each other's backgrounds and life experiences in an environment that fosters both diversity and belonging.

Our programs focus on students from the following underrepresented groups in medicine: Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, and Native Hawaiian. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students are also included in this targeted outreach effort.

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Student For a Day & Prospective Student Advising

Spend a day with a current Feinberg student! See what medical school life is like during lecture, small group discussions, or didactic instruction. Enjoy a meal with a small group of students and ask your questions in a comfortable, small group setting.

Applicant Support

The Office of Diversity is pleased to offer assistance with the application process. Whether you are just barely contemplating applying or facing writer's block on your personal statement, we are here to assist you. Meetings are available via phone or email upon request, and our website also includes many helpful tutorials on everything from AMCAS to interviewing. The cost of applying should not be a barrier, so please contact us if you require assistance for your supplemental fee.

Interview & Interact

Candidates for interview are invited to attend a students-only dinner courtesy of the Office of Diversity. Dine with current FSM students – ask your questions in a candid and comfortable setting. We will arrange a meal around your travel schedule any time of day. Feinberg also has a student host program for interviewing students, which provides a way to save on travel while getting a real glimpse into student life.

Second Look

In the spring of each year, accepted students are invited back to campus to learn more about Feinberg. We provide in-depth information centered on the main elements of your decision-making process: curricula, career development & enrichment, diversity, financial aid,

housing and more. Spend time with current students as well as other accepted students – see the city if you haven't see it yet!

Summer Pre-Matriculation Program

Accepted students matriculating to Feinberg are invited to participate in a summer experience focusing on research or community partnership in an area of their choosing. Students receive a stipend to defray the costs of transitioning to medical school.

Minority Student Mentoring Program

Current students have access to a cadre of faculty and resident mentors at Feinberg and our affiliated institutions. Search profiles by interest, specialty, or diverse characteristics and identify potential mentors. The Office of Diversity hosts annual events for mentors and mentees and provides funding for two one-on-one meetings a year.

Join Our Family

Our door is always open, and we love seeing students each day. Having an open office facilitates student interaction between cohorts and a welcoming atmosphere. We invite you to be a part of our family at Feinberg. Our goal is for you to feel a sense of belonging and community in order to achieve your dreams in medicine.

Contact Us:

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“One of Northwestern's greatest strengths is not only that it's in Chicago but its location within Chicago. You can go in any direction from here...I've been to the German American Festival and down to Greek Town and all sorts of things.”