To Whom It May Concern:

Devoted to caring for diverse and underserved patients in addition to clinical and research excellence, the Committee for Diversity Awareness of the Denver Health Emergency Medicine Residency is very excited to announce a new scholarship funded externship for 4th year medical students: Clinical Emergency Medicine & Research for the Underserved.

This externship will:

- Be open to MS4’s at any US medical school excluding University of Colorado Denver Medical Students
- Offer six $1,500 scholarships per year for travel and lodging, etc.

Require attendance in clinical ED shifts at Denver Health Medical Center and University of Colorado Hospital with a portion of student time participating in a scholarly project designed to reduce healthcare disparities.

Curriculum

The externship will be a 4-week rotation with both clinical and scholarly research portion.

Orientation: Orientation will be two days out of the four weeks. Day 1 of orientation will be a one-day introduction to Denver Health Clinicals and the components of the Scholarly Project. The second orientation will be a morning orientation to University Hospital Clinicals.

Clinicals: Students will rotate a total of 10 clinical shifts (five at Denver Health and five at University Hospital) in addition to Wednesday morning conference. During this time they will be assigned resident mentor. The resident mentor will be a resource for students during their clinical rotations.

Scholarly Project: Each student will participate in a small scholarly project involving research for the underserved that will be part of current ongoing research at University Hospital and Denver Health. Each student will be assigned a faculty mentor to oversee the scholarly project they choose to participate in. They will each choose a branch of this research to ask questions, create methods of discovering answers, and, with a final presentation, present their findings to residents and faculty.

Social: At the end of the rotation students will participate in a social with faculty and residents at a local Colorado location. This event will be run the Committee for Diversity Awareness in Emergency Medicine (CDAEM).

Interview/Letters of Recommendation: Students rotating before November will receive a letter of recommendation from their faculty advisor to add to their ERAS should they choose to do so. Students rotating from June-January will be offered an interview for a residency position during their rotation. This year, rotations will be from October-January with some flexibility for interviewing.

Please help spread the word about this opportunity to your current 4th year medical students interested in Emergency Medicine. We are excited at the prospect of teaching and working with enthusiastic students interested in care for the underserved!
Please find our application attached.

Please contact us with any questions at: diversityawarenessEM@gmail.com

Sincerely,
The Committee for Diversity Awareness in Emergency Medicine (CDAEM)
Denver Health Medical Center/University of Colorado Hospital