

DREAM Program

**Department of Medicine Research
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Through the Department of Medicine's DREAM Program, CU medical students completing their first year of medical school have the opportunity to spend the summer conducting original research, working with CU mentors to generate research results and present (or even publish) their findings.

The program's goals:

- Increase the pipeline of **physician scientists** – physicians who both provide care to patients and conduct their own research, typically in an academic setting
- Increase **underrepresented minorities** within that pipeline.

DREAM participants independently select mentors and develop research projects, which they'll conduct in their mentor's laboratory for 10 weeks over the summer. Students each receive a \$3,000 stipend from the Department of Medicine. At the end of the summer, they present their work to their DREAM cohort, as well as at the Department of Medicine's annual Research Day. Eventually, about a quarter of the participants will publish their results.

The DREAM program actively recruits medical students from underrepresented backgrounds, including race and ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and religious or political affiliation.

“The DREAM program is meant to give aspiring medical professionals the opportunity to see how research is done, and to understand the potential impact of research. Not only does the program allow them to participate in research, it also helps them understand the research enterprise, and how that enterprise is intimately connected with the way we take care of patients.

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