

2021 SEP Participants

Sumeya Abrar, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Gracia Beya, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Nancy Blankson, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Nicole Brown, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Brittany Cullen, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Isabel Davila-Lynch, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Francesca Ocana De Mora, 2021
Quinsigamond Community College
Melissa Dorzin, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Samer El Khatib, 2023
Wheaton College
Ewaldine Fedna, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Jessica Feraud, 2022
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Okoh Frimpong, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Michelle Gitau, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Hailie Hale, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Janet Kalu, 2022
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Shakendine Kelkboom, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Paolo Mattos-Canedo, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Bradley Montanez, 2023
Worcester State University
Matheus Montenegro, 2022
Worcester State University
Liana Munoz, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Akosua Obeng, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Tiba Qattan, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Claudia Rodrigues, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Lea Saab, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Silvi Salhotra, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Dasol Song, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Miguel Aguilar-Soto, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Caroline Tran, 2024
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Elsi Tutu, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Chukwuebuka Udom, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Patience Wairimu, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Abigail White, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Alicia Wilson, 2023
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Naomi Zorrilla, 2022
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Participant Comments

“Mr. Layne, Mr. Charles, Dr. Hines best informed me about the next step in the process to assist me on entering medical school. They put their all into making this program lively and informative.”

“Having the med students come in and talk about their journey to med school really helped me understand what the next step in the process is. I need to volunteer as well as start studying for the MCAT.”

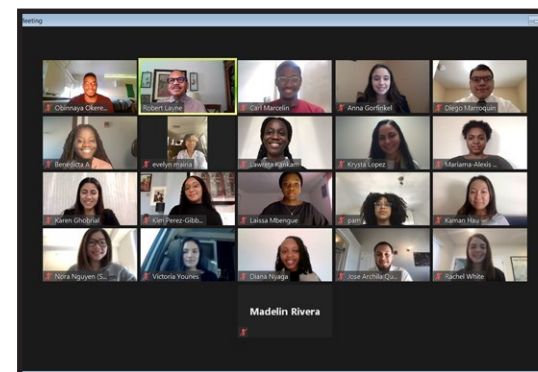
“I learned that I do belong in the field of medicine, and there are people like me that has made it and succeeded in their journey in health care.”

“SEP has taught me professionalism, holistic skills as well as informed me about different stories people had. All of which has aided me to be a better, more motivated pre-medical student.”

“How much resources and information I got. Never did I think Mr. Charles and Mr. Layne would give us the opportunity to take a mock medical school interview, a mock MCAT, and honestly all the speakers and information we got in such a short period of time. It was a lot! But it was what I needed. I feel like they carved a clearer path for me, I am immensely grateful.”



2023 College Summer Enrichment Program



2020 SEP Participants

Program Dates

Sunday, May 28, 2023
to
Friday, June 23, 2023

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To increase the number of under-represented and disadvantaged individuals entering into the healthcare and biomedical research professions within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mission



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) is a tuition-free, four-week, residential program for current undergraduate sophomores and juniors interested in entering careers in the biomedical research, biotechnology and the health professions (BBHP). Sessions include the professional school application process with emphasis on medical school admissions and financial professional school. Seminars on health disparities and cultural contemporary health issues are also provided.

GOALS

The goals of the program are to help participants improve their qualifications and competitive standing for admission to professional, graduate and/or medical school. The program includes enrichment activities to enhance participants' academic and communication skills. Sessions include the professional school application process with emphasis on medical school admissions and financial professional school.

OBJECTIVES

Improve participants' academic and critical thinking problem solving skills, note-taking and test-taking strategies, time management and decision making.
 Improve communication skills through writing, public speaking, and mock interviews.
 Prepare the participants for standardized exams such as the MCAT and GRE. Coach participants in preparing professional school applications such as the AMCAS, and medical school interviews.
 Provide participants with information on financing medical, graduate or professional school education.

Additionally, the SEP offers participants the opportunity to interact with medical students, scientists, physicians, and other healthcare professionals. Upon successful completion of the program, participants are awarded a Certificate of Achievement and stipends.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must apply online at www.umassmed.edu/sep. Applications will be accepted from November 15, 2022 through March 1, 2023

Required supplemental application materials include:

- Official College Transcript (must be signed and be on a lettermarked paper and/or have an official school seal)
- Two Letters of Recommendation along with recommendations forms (they should be from advisors, professors, and counselors at your academic institution)
- GPA Calculation Sheet
- Personal Statement
- Current Resume

See our website for requirement details and to download the forms. Each application will be reviewed late March by the SEP Selection Committee. Applicants will be notified of their selection by mid April.

ELIGIBILITY

Current college sophomores and juniors from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds. Disadvantaged individuals include those from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds (i.e. first generation four-year college graduate and/or meet the current federal standards of low income/poverty).

Students are not allowed to participate in any other academic or social programs; take classes at another institution, or work for an employer, family member or friend while they are participating in this program. The program requires 10% of your participation, attention and commitment.

Under-represented individuals in medicine, nursing, biomedical research, biotechnology and the health professions are African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and South East Asians.

Students who have completed a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours of college work will receive priority consideration. Applicants must have graduated from a Massachusetts high school and preferably be attending a Massachusetts college or university. Must maintain a Massachusetts residency.

STIPENDS

Stipends will only be paid to participants who successfully complete the program by attending all classes; submitted all in class and homework assignments to the instructors on time.

CURRICULUM

The SEP provides participants with a glimpse of what medical and graduate education requires and the opportunity to become familiar with a professional school setting. The academic enrichment component focuses on writing/communication skills, study skills, time management, and test-taking strategies. Science enrichment focuses on completing the application process for the American Medical College Admissions Service (AMCAS), the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), and Personal Statements are also conducted. Practice/mock medical school interviews and workshops on financing a graduate/professional education are also offered.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

The Umass Chan Medical School does not have dormitories. Participants are housed in dormitories at a local university. Participants are REQUIRED to reside at the selected residence hall for the duration of the program. First Student Transportation, Inc provides transportation between Umass Chan Medical School and Worcester State University.