

Summer Rural Medicine Externship Application

This summer opportunity is provided through the OU-COM Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to demonstrate its commitment to the education of medical students and health of the rural residents of southeast Ohio by providing information to medical students on the program and specific opportunities to engage in activities particular to rural medicine and health care during the summer following the OU-COM MS1 academic year. One (1) OU-COM student will be accepted annually to participate in this summer program.

1. The overall goal of this summer research program is to assist medical students in assessing their interest and potential for a career in rural medicine, particularly in rural Ohio.
2. AHEC will offer a scholarship/stipend to the selected candidate in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a four week period to be paid at the completion of the summer program. This represents a full-time (40 hours per week) commitment.
3. The selected medical student will be required to submit documentation of their participation signed by the preceptors/instructors at the end of the experience. Upon successful completion of requirements, the student will receive a Letter of Completion for their file.
4. **The selected student will be required to complete a Preclinical Summer Program Approval Application through the department of OU-COM Academic Affairs. This form **MUST** be completed and approved through the Department of Academic Affairs (contact Sarah McGrew, Grosvenor Hall 333) in order for medical liability insurance to be provided by OU-COM. Students must also be supervised by a practicing physician to be covered by OU-COM's medical liability insurance. Please note general liability insurance is not covered under OU-COM's umbrella policy during this time.**
5. **Students are expected to attend any orientation/training sessions required by the program preceptors (e.g. Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare).**

Criteria, Expectations, Opportunities, and Support::

- *MS1 students will complete a competitive application* and be selected by AHEC for participation in the internship. It is anticipated that one (1) student will be selected each year.
- *The selected student will participate in a four-week (4 week) experience* occurring over the summer months following the MS1 academic year. The

experience is expected to include rural family practice, pediatrics, geriatrics, mental health, emergency medicine, free clinics, plus time at local health departments, adult and child protective services and Horsemanship in Medicine.

- ***Expected responsibilities*** of the student will include attendance at all scheduled activities and submission of documentation of such signed by the preceptors.
- A ***Letter of Completion*** will be awarded to students who successfully carry out their responsibilities.
- A ***\$1,000.00 stipend*** will be provided to the student by AHEC upon successful completion of all aspects of the experience.

June – August - The OU-COM student will carry out the responsibilities of the externship over a four-week period during the summer months June – August.

September 30 – Deadline by which all aspects of the student’s responsibilities must be completed in order to be eligible for the Letter of Completion and the \$1,000.00 stipend.

To apply:

Read the program profile provided here and submit an application which includes the following:

Your name, local address, e-mail address and phone number(s) where you can be reached.

A one to two page letter highlighting why you wish to be considered for this summer externship and your interest in rural medicine attached to a current Curricula Vitae or resume.

All applications should be e-mailed directly to:

Kathy Trace, AHEC Director at trace@ohio.edu

AND

Sarah McGrew, CCE Program Director at mcgrew@ohio.edu

All applications must be received no later than April 1, 2009 to be considered for the 2009 summer program.