

# Summer Scholars Premedical Program



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Each summer, the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine offers a rigorous premedical program designed to enhance the preparation of students from underrepresented populations and/or economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds\* for admission to medical school.

The Summer Scholars Program enhances the undergraduate premedical preparation of participants and thereby makes them more competitive in the application process for medical school. The program is highly selective with no more than 25 students chosen to participate annually.

**Those Summer Scholars who meet the minimum requirements for admission to OU-HCOM, including having taken the MCAT\*\* will be offered an opportunity to interview during the summer.** Performance during the Summer Scholars Program and previous academic and extra-curricular work will be reviewed to determine selection for OU-HCOM admission, recommendation to the Post-Baccalaureate Program, or placement on a wait list.

\* See selection criteria for additional information.

\*\* MCAT scores must be no older than three years at the time of medical school matriculation.

## Objectives of the Summer Scholars Program

- Introduction to osteopathic principles and practices
- Exposure to basic biomedical sciences taught by medical school faculty
- Introduction to a variety of learning situations used in medical school, including problem-based learning using case studies, small group discussions, lectures, labs, independent study, and pre-clinical observations
- Opportunity to demonstrate readiness to enter medical school both in terms of academic skills and personal character
- Opportunity for qualified individuals to interview for admission and for all participants to practice good interviewing skills
- Experience in working as part of a diverse health care team

## Program Components and Offerings

The Summer Scholars Program will consist of courses (lectures and labs) taught by the HCOM faculty, graduate students and medical students, designed to provide a rigorous, intensive and realistic introduction to the first-year curriculum at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. These may include:

- Pharmacology
- Gross Anatomy
- Histology
- Microbiology
- Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
- Biochemistry
- Immunology
- Clinical Case Based Learning
- Physiology

In addition to the core science curriculum, additional special lectures, seminars, or workshops on such topics as study skills, time management, and professional development may be provided. There may also be opportunities for individual clinical experience, hospital tours and similar experiences designed to provide participants with an overview of current health care delivery methods.

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## Student Evaluation

While no academic credit is given for this program, students will be evaluated by the faculty based on:

- Class participation
- Test performance
- General attitude
- Potential success in the medical curriculum

## Selection Criteria

### ELIGIBILITY

- Disadvantaged student (economic or educational) and/or under-represented minority  
(Under-represented minority is defined as racial and ethnic populations who are under-represented in the designated health profession discipline relative to the number of individuals who are members of the population involved. This definition would include *Black or African-American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino and any Asian other than Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Asian Indian or Thai.*)
- **Documentation of permanent resident, or naturalized citizen status:** If you were not born in the United States, you must provide a copy of your permanent resident card, or a copy of your certificate of naturalization, or a copy of a valid U.S. passport as proof of eligibility for the program.

### ACADEMICS

- A minimum of one year (two semesters or three quarters) of college level biology (preferred)
- A minimum of one year (two semesters or three quarters) of college level general chemistry (preferred)
- A minimum of one year (two semesters or three quarters) of college level organic chemistry (preferred)
- A minimum of one year (two semesters or three quarters) of college level physics (preferred)
- Preference given to rising seniors, recent graduates, and non-traditional premedical students
- Recommendations by two natural science (biology, chemistry, physics) faculty members at the applicant's undergraduate school familiar with his or her academic work
- Course work must be from a US regionally accredited institution.

## Student Support

OU-HCOM's financial commitment to each student includes: room, book usage, living allowance (for meals and other personal expenses), program materials, and travel reimbursement to and from the program.

Application deadline is *March 1st*.

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Application materials are also available on line at: [www.oucom.ohiou.edu/SummerScholars](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/SummerScholars)