

Program Dates 2012:
June 18, 2012 - August 3, 2012

THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IS AS FOLLOWS:
DEADLINE: February 1, 2012

1. No separate application form is required.

Students must be at least in their junior year to be eligible to apply for this program. All parts of the application do not have to be submitted at once.

2. Transcript/Academic Record:

We require an official transcript giving all your grades, including those of the first semester of the junior year, to be mailed directly from each college or university you have attended. The program is designed for declared premed students who preferably have already taken biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry and physics. Preference is given to students with a grade point average of B or above.

3. Letters of Recommendation:

We require two letters of recommendation:

- a.) A letter from your college premedical advisor or one member of your science faculty who has taught you one course, and who will give us a statement of your motivation and potential for medical and scientific studies.
- b.) A letter of recommendation from a source outside of your college community where you have worked on issues with underserved populations within the United States of America.

4. Essay:

Submit a one-page essay outlining something about yourself, how you developed an interest in a medical career, and your interest in working with underserved populations.

5. Applicant Information:

Submit a resume that will include your permanent and current mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail address. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident visa status.

6. Mail To:

Carlyle H. Miller, M.D., Associate Dean
Weill Cornell Medical College
445 East 69th Street, Room 110
New York, NY 10021
Phone: (212) 746-1057

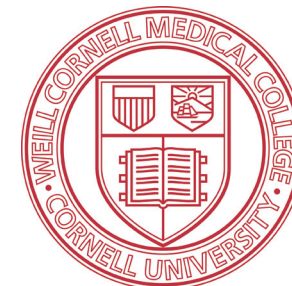


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It is our good fortune to have in the United States the best of medical facilities and constant state of the art research, providing ongoing advancement of knowledge and development of new treatment approaches. Yet, we face the challenge of addressing major gaps in research, health care, preventive measures, health policy, and bridging cultural barriers for a large segment of our population who are from traditionally underserved groups. The Institute of Medicine issued a report, *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Healthcare*, highlighting the severity of disparities in health care among racial and ethnic minorities. Among its specific recommendations is increasing the number of minorities represented in the health professions. Addressing these disparities is one of the highest priorities in US medicine.

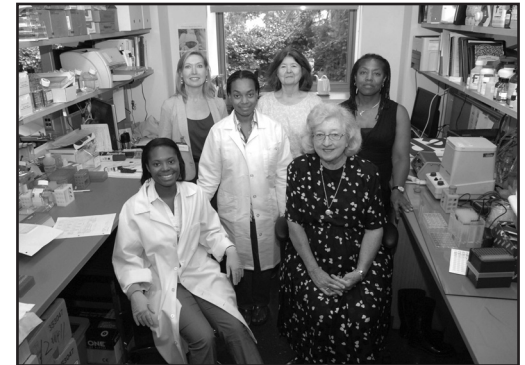
Of critical importance in addressing such disparities is training a racially and ethnically diverse physician work force. Antonio M. Gotto, Jr., M.D., the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University states: "As a nation we have yet to reach our goals in training a sufficiently diverse physician work force. With our increasingly diverse U.S. population, it is imperative that we train more minority physicians so that we can bring the best health care to all of our patients. To accomplish that also requires bringing that diverse perspective to medical research, medical education, and health policy." The presence of diversity among medical students becomes a critical mutual education process for all medical students, faculty, and administrators. Minority students become the physicians who we need to assist the field of medicine in addressing our major disparities in health care. Our Medical College and the Travelers Summer Research Fellowship has been and remains an essential part of that effort.

Identifying potential medical students who have a major interest in the medical problems of the underserved is critical. Every effort must be made to include among our medical student body students who have had life experience with a range of issues

affecting diverse groups, including minorities and the underserved, who have demonstrated direct interest in such issues via activity with various student organizations that target minority issues, and have the career ambition to address the problems of the medically underserved.

The Travelers Summer Research Fellowship Program is designed to give 25 premedical students deeper insights into the field of medicine, including issues that greatly affect the health of traditionally underserved groups. Through the experiences of laboratory or clinical research, the student learns how one pursues a specific research problem under the supervision of a faculty member, thus providing an early education into basic research techniques that could be applicable to any area of medicine. A lecture series explores topics in cardiovascular physiology, exposing the students to basic science concepts that are relevant to a more specific understanding of hypertension and cardiovascular disease, both of which are major problems in minority communities. The summer fellows attend a series of talks by minority physicians about various medical specialties, addressing issues of concern in these physician's daily work plus views of the bigger picture in health care to minority communities. Rounds in the hospital with advanced year students provide further exposure to the clinical facets of medicine. Students in the summer program receive counseling on financial planning for medical school and how to examine the financial aid package.

The Traveler's Summer Research Fellowship Program is directed by Dr. Carlyle H. Miller, who is the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Equal Opportunity Programs. Dr. Miller has been a member of the Medical College faculty since 1980 and is an active member of the Admissions Committee.



Last summer's fellows came from a wide range of institutions:

- *Amherst College*
- *Barry University*
- *Boston University*
- *Columbia University*
- *City University of New York, Herbert H. Lehman College*
- *City University of New York, Queens College*
- *City University of New York, The City College of New York*
- *Duke University*
- *Georgia Institute of Technology*
- *Hampton University*
- *Howard University*
- *Illinois Wesleyan University*
- *Lehigh University*
- *Louisiana Tech University*
- *Messiah College*
- *Seattle University*
- *Seton Hall University*
- *Spelman College*
- *State University of New York at Albany*
- *State University of New York at Oneonta*
- *The College of New Jersey*
- *The Johns Hopkins University*
- *Trinity College*
- *Yale University*

Students receive a \$140-a-week cost-of-living allowance and are housed rent-free in the dormitory for medical students, but are required to pay for their meals and other living expenses. Travel expenses are paid for students that live some distance from New York.