The Summer Undergraduate Mentorship Program (SUMP) of the Hispanic Center of Excellence (HCOE) at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Einstein) is a six-week program that offers students from underrepresented groups in medicine and/or economically disadvantaged background a unique opportunity to become exposed to the realities and options within the medical profession through a “shadowing” experience with a physician. Besides shadowing a doctor in a preferred area of specialty, the program offers a broad and comprehensive curriculum, including medical lectures, hands-on workshop participation and research experience under the supervision of a research mentor and medical librarians at Einstein.

All students are expected to complete a written research project and give a PowerPoint presentation on their project to their peers, family, physician mentors and invited Einstein faculty at the program’s all day colloquium and graduation. The topics for the projects may be based on a student’s clinical experience and/or any related medical issue of interest. Projects are encouraged to be presented in context of core curriculum content that will highlight Institute of Medicine (IOM) reports findings on health disparities and Hispanic and minority health. The goals of the program are designed to motivate students to pursue careers in medicine, build confidence, advance leadership skills and foster working mentorship relationships.

Lectures and workshops will cover a variety of topics that include practical information such as the medical school application process, studying skills, mock interviews, current issues in medicine and special interest topics such as cultural competency and the patient-physician relationship. The lectures will be conducted by Einstein faculty and affiliated faculty from partner institutions. There will also be informal “rap sessions” conducted by medical students, residents and faculty that will provide a forum for sharing experiences. Additionally, research opportunities will be offered based on need and eligibility criteria. We encourage students and their parents to attend a special evening workshop on financial aid and the medical school application process.

The program requires a full time commitment Monday-Friday over seven summer weeks. The student will be expected to attend fourteen hours of lecture per week and spend at least six hours per week with their assigned mentor. Participants in the program will be awarded a stipend at the end of the program. Program orientation is June 16, 2015. The program will be held from June 22, 2015 to August 3, 2015.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
Students will be considered if they are US citizens or Permanent Residents from an underrepresented group in medicine and/or have an economically disadvantaged background.
- Must have completed at least their freshman year with at least one year in science by June 2015. (Sophomores’ and higher)
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Students must complete the online application, provide an official college transcript and obtain a letter of recommendation from a faculty member before the deadline.
- Medical clearance is also required.

Application Deadline is April 10, 2015
No Housing is Available
Students should live in the Bronx or Metropolitan area

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