

IS-16 Appendix: Project PREMED Description

Minority college students are invited to Marshall for a three day experience of medical school classes, interaction with actual medical students and professors, seminars, workshops on the MCAT, instructions on the medical school application process and a tour of JCESOM. Students also receive a medical student mentor assigned to guide and support them through their undergraduate years and the medical school application process. The goal of the program is to increase the number of minority student applicants to JCESOM. Students accepted to the program are provided with free room and board and transportation assistance is also available.

The project is designed around two major goals:

- After selection, students will visit JCESOM, meet administrators from the Office of Diversity Programs, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Center for African American Students, Office of Student Affairs and Office of Admissions, participate in sessions with medical school administrators, attend a medical school class, and engage in other related medical and university activities.
- Students are assigned a medical student mentor who is responsible for maintaining follow up with students after their visit in order to provide guidance to them regarding the process of preparing for and applying to medical school.

Project PREMED is a diversity initiative immersion program designed to expose selected undergraduates to the life of a medical student and life in medical school. The program seeks to improve the visibility and accessibility of JCESOM for students of color at institutions of higher education. The initial targeted institutions of higher learning in 2012 included Marshall University, Alcorn State University, schools associated with the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation and Morgan State University. In addition, contacts were expanded to include pre-health advisors from Alabama State University, Florida International University, West Virginia State University, Case Western Reserve, and University of Maryland. In 2013, the targeted institution list will expand to include Kentucky State University, Duke University, North Carolina A&T, University of North Carolina and Columbus State Community College.