



## University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Visiting Student Elective Scholarship Program

### Students Underrepresented in Medicine

#### Purpose:

- Promote Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Hospital
- University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Medical Education is offering scholarships up to \$1000 for Medical Students in traditionally underrepresented racial/ethnic groups.
- Scholarships can be utilized for travel, housing, meals, and other expenses.

#### Overview:

University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Hospital's residency programs are committed to the support and promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion as we train the next generation of physicians. We believe that our patients are best served by a group of physicians that reflect a level of diversity like the patients in our care. This strengthens both the relationships with the communities that we serve and provides the most effective and highest quality of medical care.

In order to further promote greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field of medicine and to enrich our applicant pool, University of Michigan Health-Sparrow and the office of Graduate Medical Education is proud to offer individual \$1,000(4-week rotation) and \$500 (2-week rotation) scholarships for medical students that come from traditionally underrepresented racial/ethnic groups. This scholarship may be utilized for travel, housing, meals, and other expenses related to time spent on these 2 to 4-week electives at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Hospital. This scholarship will be provided based upon successful completion of the rotation and after submission of appropriate



documentation of incurred expenses up to \$1,000 for 4-week rotations and \$500 for 2-week rotations.

### Elective Details:

Your time at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow for this 2-4-week rotation will include:

- Clinical experience in your area of interest
- Participation in resident educational events
- Participation in Student focused educational sessions
- Individual mentoring from faculty and residents

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Students must currently be in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of medical school applying for 4<sup>th</sup> year electives.
- Students must be in good academic standing at an LCME accredited U.S. Medical School or COCA accredited U.S. Osteopathic Medical School
- Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Students must come from a background that is traditionally underrepresented in medicine which is defined as the following races/ethnicities:
  - o African American
  - o Hispanic
  - o Native American
  - o Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
- Students must reside a minimum of 60 miles from Lansing, Michigan.

### Application Process:

The following are required for consideration of the Visiting Student Scholarship Application:

- Students should submit to University of Michigan Health-Sparrow a visiting rotation application through [VSAS/VSLQ](#) with all institutional requirements completed.
- Send the following to the [medicaleducation@UMHsparrow.org](mailto:medicaleducation@UMHsparrow.org) with subject line "University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Visiting Student Elective Scholarship Program."
  - o A Letter of Interest (no more than 400 words) in which you describe a bit about yourself, reasons behind your interest in the specialty elective, and career goals that you may have.
  - o A copy of your current CV
  - o Application



A confirmation email will be returned to inform you that your information has been received.

The deadline for the scholarship application is June 13, 2025. Scholarships will be offered for 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students rotating between July 7<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 (see specific dates below). Applications will not be considered until VSAS has been properly submitted and your letter of interest has been received by University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Graduate Medical Education. Decisions on scholarship will be made by June 27<sup>th</sup> with notification provided via email.

*Recipients will be selected by the University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Graduate Medical Education Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee comprised of residents and faculty.*

Available dates for the 2025-2026 academic year:

7/7/2025- 8/3/2025

8/4/2025- 8/31/2025

9/1/2025- 9/28/2025

9/30/2025- 10/26/2025

10/27/2025-11/23/2025

11/24/2025- 12/21/2025

We thank you for your interest in University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Hospital and look forward to hearing from you.