

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

We are looking for students with a demonstrated commitment to the health of Native American communities, and evidence of motivation to achieve the highest goals possible.

We also require the following:

- Demonstrated interest in careers in medical sciences
- Minimum 1 year of undergraduate studies completed prior to start of program (June 2009)
- At least 1 introductory science course (can include biology or chemistry)
- NOT taking the August MCAT (the time constraints of the program do not allow adequate time for studying for this important exam)

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Available Online: October 31, 2008

Application Deadline: February 20, 2009

Decisions Announced: March 20, 2009

Program Starts (tentative): June 14, 2009

Program Ends (tentative): August 8, 2009

**APPLY ONLINE AT:
WWW.FDRSP.ORG**

STUDENT FEEDBACK ON

FDSRP EXPERIENCE:

"Your support really has meant a lot to me. The program has really helped me to remember my goals and to never give up!"

"I am heading for the next hurdle of getting in to med school. One down, many, many more to go!"

"I feel that the program has been very beneficial in showing me that I do not have to settle for second best in life."

"The support that the program has encouraged me to reach for the stars in life, not only medicine."

"The biggest thing I got out of the program was complete support and encouragement of my desire to become a doctor."

"Having native medical students and doctors to lead the program by example was one of the programs best qualities."

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OUR HISTORY

The Four Directions Summer Research Program (FDSRP) began in 1994 as an idea among Native American students attending Harvard Medical School (HMS). We are now in our 16th year, and have brought nearly 150 students to Boston during this time.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Experience cutting edge research
- Understand medical and graduate school application process
- Exposure to minority health and Native American health care issues
- Integrate Native traditions and culture
- Networking with Native American students and faculty

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

FDSRP has over fifteen years of experience providing a uniquely tailored program to those with the desire to serve Native American communities through science and medicine.

The focus of activity during the summer is participation in a basic science research project. Students are assigned a medical school faculty mentor who will work closely with the student to ensure completion of a project over the 8-week summer period.



Additional activities:

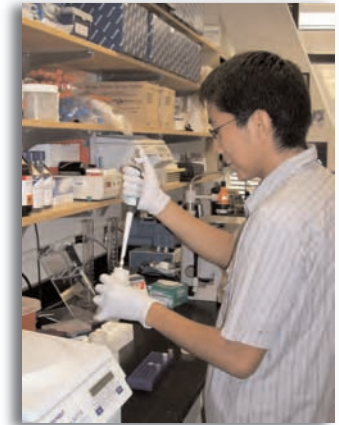
- Weekly lecture seminars
- Weekly talking circles involving FDSRP students and program coordinators
- Final research project presentation to FDSRP students and directors, as well as, medical school faculty



PROGRAM SUPPORT

FDSRP will provide you with the essentials for the summer:

- Transportation to and from Boston
- Single rooms in the medical school dormitory
- Living stipend for food and other necessities



WHAT ABOUT BOSTON?

Boston is a wonderful city with a great deal to offer summer students. We strive to make sure you enjoy your experience outside of the lab by arranging many group activities that often include:

- Trip to Cape Cod
- Deep sea fishing expedition
- Tours of the historic city of Boston

*Our vision is simple...
that a handful of talented individuals
will leave Boston with new skills,
experiences, and knowledge that can
be used to help themselves, their
communities, and future generations
of Native peoples from all of the
Four Directions.*