Overview

The University of Missouri School of Medicine is committed to the recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented groups in medicine, as well as students from underserved areas. The diversity of MU’s medical program ensures that its graduating physicians know how to provide culturally responsive care to all patients. MU has a diverse enrollment, with more than 33,000 students from every state in the nation and 115 countries.

Campus Student Resources
Student National Medical Association (SNMA)
Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPs)
MizzouMed Pride
Multicultural Center
Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center
LGBTQ Resource Center
Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO)

Diversity and Inclusion

The University of Missouri (MU) and its School of Medicine share the following definitions of diversity and inclusion. Diversity is reflective of a community of people of differing genders, racial-ethnic backgrounds, languages, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, abilities and disabilities, national and geographical origins, socioeconomic class, veterans’ status and political views. Inclusion means that diversity should be included as an integral component of every effort to improve education, research and patient care. Inclusion should be reflected in the campus climate, curriculum, intellectual discourse, leadership, scholarly products, and recruitment and retention efforts.

The MU School of Medicine promotes an inclusive academic health care community. A diverse population offers a rich environment that leads to greater knowledge, understanding, acceptance and mutual respect. The school’s faculty members embrace MU’s commitment to diversity and recognize the special role of the medical school in the development of a physician workforce prepared to serve an increasingly diverse state and national populace. It is both the MU School of Medicine’s responsibility and in its institutional self-interest to recruit and retain faculty, staff and students who reflect and understand the larger communities that MU serves. Through education and example, the School of Medicine will:

• Commit to a welcoming, engaged environment for all;
• Pursue a diverse and qualified community within the School of Medicine;
• Recognize and reward talent, scholarship and merit in an environment that derives its strength from varied societal experiences;
• Value the enrichment that diversity provides to the practice and art of medicine.
ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT

Ontario “Terry” Lacey was an underrepresented student who developed a passion for medicine at an early age and worked in the lab of a renowned infectious disease specialist Gail Cassell at the University of Alabama.

Terry was awarded a scholarship to attend college, but he dropped out after a year and joined the Navy. He later went back to school, graduating from California State University — Channel Islands with a bachelor of science in biochemistry. In 2011, while applying to medical school, the MU School of Medicine recruited Terry.

“It was one of the best days of my life eventually getting accepted into medical school and reviewing that phone call from Alison Martin,” Terry says. “Great day indeed!” During his time at Mizzou Med, Terry served as president of the Student National Medical Association and as a student member of the Admissions Committee.

Student Outreach

Excellence in Learning
MU has provided this intensive medical education experience to St. Louis area high school students and teachers for more than 15 years. The program is a partnership with Washington University.

MU Health Professions Summit
The MU Health Professions Summit is a three-day experience for Missouri high school students interested in health careers. The summit is sponsored by the University of Missouri Area Health Education Center (MU AHEC) in collaboration with the MU School of Health Professions, the MU School of Medicine and the MU Sinclair School of Nursing.

CALEB-The Science Club
This extracurricular academic program hosted by MU’s medical school involves students at all levels who are interested in encouraging youth to become health professionals.

Mini-Medical School
MU's medical school offers this unique summer experience to high school students interested in careers in medicine.

Mizzou MedPrep
MU's medical school offers workshops that provide one-on-one advising resources to students from diverse backgrounds.

Summer Research Internship
Students who are underrepresented in medicine and from other universities come to MU to study with a faculty scientist.

Financial Aid  FAFSA Code: 002516
Financial aid is awarded to students based on merit, financial need or both. Merit-based scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement or some special characteristic, skill, talent or ability. Need-based aid is given to students who can show they have financial need. Most medical school financial aid is awarded on the basis of need. Some scholarships have been set aside for those with backgrounds that are underrepresented in the field of medicine. These scholarships allow us to create a more diverse incoming class, which in turn creates a more diverse educational experience.

For a full list of scholarship opportunities, please visit: medicine.missouri.edu/financial/scholarships
- Cooper Minority Medical Scholarship
- Marvin & Lilith Valle Scholarship
- Minority Medical Student Scholarship
- Medical School Minority Scholarship
- L. Graham Medical Scholarship
- Medical School Assistantship
- Medical Minority Scholarship
- Medical General Scholarship

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