

Fellowships Programs:

NMF GE Medical Scholars Program

National Medical Fellowships has established a partnership with General Electric (GE) to provide need-based scholarship support to historically underrepresented minority medical students, and to allow them to engage in clinical work in underserved communities. The purpose of the GE medical Scholars Program is to advance underrepresented minority students in the pipeline. Increasing the number of minority physicians is critical to the nation's ability to assist the medically underserved and to address racial and ethnic health care disparities. The medical scholars program is accomplishing this by providing need-based scholarship support and by offering eligible students an opportunity to complete a two-month elective in Ghana, West Africa focusing on areas of critical need such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, tuberculosis, heart disease, cancer, and infant mortality.

The NMF/GE Medical Scholars Elective in Ghana

A two month clinical/public health elective been held in conjunction with the University of Ghana Medical School in Ghana, West Africa focusing on areas of critical need such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, tuberculosis, heart disease, cancer, and infant mortality. The first portion of the elective will be conducted at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (www.KorleBuhospital.com), the premier and leading national referral hospital in Ghana. It serves as the teaching hospital for the College of Health and Science of the University of Ghana. The second phase of the elective will be spend at the district Hospital in Asesewa. GE has recently donated several pieces of medical and other equipment, which enabled the upgraded of the clinic into a district hospital.

Professor A. S. Ayettey, the former Dean of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Ghana and current faculty member at the College, is the Program Coordinator in Ghana. NMF Secretary & Treasurer Dr. Stephen Keith, President and COO of Panacea Pharmaceuticals, Inc. serves as the U.S. Program Coordinator and Dr. Virginia Davis-Floyd, Executive Director of PROMETRA USA and Associate Professor Morehouse School of Medicine is the liaison/coordinator between the University of Ghana and NMF.

Students will be matched with a mentor for the period of the program. Travel, housing and a stipend will be provided for students.

Eligibility Requirements:

Eligible candidates must be underrepresented minority students enrolled in their fourth-year in an accredited U.S. medical school. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement: as indicated in academic transcripts, faculty evaluations, by receipt of special academic honors, fellowships, awards or induction into national medical honor societies; leadership as indicated by active participation in community-based work or initiation of innovative projects in school or community; and potential for distinguished contributions to medicine as indicated by participation in research, publications or unique clerkships.

Number and value of the awards:

Five fellowships are awarded annually.

Application and Selection Criteria:

Students must be nominated by their medical school deans. Applications requirements include a letter of nomination that fully explains the candidate's academic and leadership accomplishments during medical school, an official academic transcript, a curriculum vitae and a personal statements of at least 500 words, written by the student, that discusses his or her motivation for a career in medicine and commitment to pursue a career in primary care, and public or international health.