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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

Week of May 4, 2009

The purpose of this pre-professional e-bulletin is to provide you with various information regarding summer research programs, postbaccalaureate programs, professional program open houses and other helpful information. In this edition, you will find information on the following:

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Read the descriptions below for more information. Pay careful attention because some deadlines are quickly approaching.

1. International practice rights for Osteopathic Physicians.

Currently, D.O.s have full practice rights in roughly 50 countries and partial practice rights in many more. More information on the specifics may be found at the following sites below.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

<http://www.osteopathic.org> <<http://www.osteopathic.org/>>

Linda Mascheri, Director of International and State Government Affairs

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Canadian Osteopathic Association

<http://www.osteopathic.ca> <<http://www.osteopathic.ca/>>

Ted Findlay, D.O., President, Canadian Osteopathic Association

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Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA)

<http://www.oialliance.org> <<http://www.oialliance.org/>>

If you have more questions, please contact Gina Moses, at (301) 968-4184 or gmoses@aacom.org

2. "Gateway to Dentistry" New Jersey Dental School

"Gateway to Dentistry" program, is a unique, 2-week internship that provides college students with lectures, hands-on exercises, and clinical observation experiences to familiarize them with the many facets of the profession and with dental school life.

* Students are paired with a student mentor, who they observe in the clinic delivering direct patient care, and spend several lunch hours with to build rapport and allow your students to ask questions in a relaxed setting.

* An overview of the NJDS admissions and Financial Aid processes, along with an individualized admissions consultation with a member of the admissions committee round out the program.

Twice each year 30 college students from across the United States experience the Gateway to Dentistry program. Outcomes? Approximately one-fifth to one-fourth of each NJDS incoming class is comprised of Gateway graduates.

Perhaps these comments from the January 2009 program participants say it best:

*"Being able to hear from professionals in the field who are extremely knowledgeable and excited about dentistry was instructive and inspiring."

*"This program was an amazing opportunity and I truly enjoyed myself. It has secured my desire to attend dental school and succeed in the dental field. Thank you!"

*"I had a great experience and would love to do it again if I could."

The link to the program website is below, which will describe the program more fully, direct students as to how to apply on-line, application deadlines and what supporting documentation is required (a current transcript and a letter of recommendation from a health professions advisor or a basic science instructor). <http://dentalschool.umdj.edu/gateway.htm> .

If you require additional information, feel free to contact Jeanette DeCastro directly at decastje@umdj.edu

3. Research Associates Program

The Research Associates (RA) Program has grown such in the past year that we now have two positions available for Chief Research Associates. We are looking for graduating seniors or post-bacs who have solid gpas and test scores for whom a year of clinical research work will have a significant impact on their application to medical school.

Chief RAs

- work as the administrative assistants for the program
- are responsible for day-to-day supervision of the RAs serving in the emergency department as data collectors in our clinical research
 - this includes significant patient contact in the emergency department
 - have direct involvement in all aspects of the research from study initiation through publication
 - this includes work to associate authorship on a clinical paper.
- participate in all research meetings
 - this includes presenting our work to the Institutional Review Board and at regional and national meetings
- assist in recruiting new RAs and their orientation to the program
 - this includes formal lecturing and direct bedside teaching

These are:

- one-year commitments of approximately twenty (20) hours per week starting in mid-May and ending when medical school starts..
- unfunded, except for grants
- Chiefs will be a part of the grant-writing process, so they will "sing for their supper"
 - in the past, Chiefs have routinely held other paying positions

So far, all of our Chiefs have matriculated to medical school, except one, who went on to a PhD program in clinical research.

Details on the website: www.RAProgram.org.

4. Des Moines University 2009 Summer Podiatry Preview

Application Deadline: June 1, 2009
<http://www.dmu.edu/rsvp/podiatrypreview/>

The College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University is pleased to announce the Summer Podiatry Preview Program will be offered July 22 - July 25, 2009. This two-day visit program is designed for undergraduate students with an interest in learning more about podiatric medicine as a potential career.

Students will spend two days at Des Moines University with current podiatric medical students experiencing [lab demonstrations](#), case studies, student life, etc. Students will also spend time shadowing a podiatrist in our on-campus [Foot and Ankle Institute](#). Most travel, lodging and meal expenses are covered by Des Moines University. The 2009 program dates are Wednesday, July 22 through Saturday, July 25.

HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM?

To qualify for the 2009 program, applicants must:

- Plan to enter their sophomore or junior year of college in fall 2009.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- Submit the online application and required materials by June 1, 2009.
- Have an interest in learning more about Podiatric Medicine.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Application Requirements

- [Complete an online application](#)
- Submit a copy of all undergraduate transcripts – these may be unofficial copies, faxed or emailed.
- Submit one letter recommendation from a professor or academic advisor.

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

All application documents are due by June 1, 2009. Students will be notified by June 15 if they are selected for the 2009 program. Six applicants will be selected to participate in the 2009 program.

WHAT EXPENSES WILL DMU COVER FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM?

- Students' airfare or mileage is reimbursable (up to \$500) after students arrive in Des Moines and provide us with original receipts.
- Student housing is provided at a local hotel.
- Transportation within Des Moines will be provided to and from the hotel, campus and other locations.
- Student meals, transportation and activities with DMU students and faculty are provided throughout the event.

HOW WILL THE DMU SUMMER PROGRAM BENEFIT ME AS A FUTURE PODIATRIC MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICANT?

- All students attending and completing the Summer 2009 program will be granted an interview if they apply to the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University.
- The Summer Program will provide shadowing experience with a podiatrist.
- Students will experience Des Moines University with current podiatric medical students and faculty members.

If you are interested in attending the 2009 Summer Podiatry Preview, [please click here to apply today!](#) You may also contact us with any questions regarding the program at cpmsadmit@dmu.edu.

Application materials should be sent to:

**Des Moines University
CPMS Admission
3200 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312**

**Phone 515.271.1538
Fax 515.271.7075**

5. Drexel University The Veterinary Medical Science (VMS) Program and The Master of Laboratory Animal Science (MLAS)

Every year hundreds of students applying to veterinary school are not accepted. For many of these applicants, the reason they were not accepted was their GPA. At Drexel University we have two programs that have been very successful in helping these students improve their academic credentials for the next admission cycle. The Veterinary Medical Science (VMS) program is a one-year, post-bac program, while the Master of Laboratory Animal Science (MLAS) program is a two-year graduate program. Every year, more than 80% of graduates of these two programs have been accepted to accredited veterinary schools. Classes start in August! If you have not been accepted to vet school in fall of 2009 and would be interested in either of the above programs, please contact:

Julian Mesina, DVM, Ph.D., Director, Animal Science Programs
Drexel University College of Medicine
Mail Stop 1009, Room 4215 NCB
245 N 15th St., Philadelphia PA 19102
Tel. 215-762-8407

6. Stay Up-To-Date On Current Events! Read about The Swine Flu

Institute Of Medicine of the National Academies President releases free electronic edition of The Swine Flu Affair, offering lessons from the 1976 swine flu scare <http://www.iom.edu/Default.aspx?id=65954>

Excerpt from the page: "In 1976, a small group of soldiers at Fort Dix were infected with a swine flu virus that was deemed similar to the virus responsible for the great 1918-19 world-wide flu pandemic. The U.S. government initiated

an unprecedented effort to immunize every American against the disease. While a qualified success in terms of numbers reached-more than 40 million Americans received the vaccine-the disease ..."

7. Logan Chiropractic Open House June 27, 2009

<http://iqweb.logan.edu/include/clientspecific/forms/sliceoflogan.asp>

8. Jefferson Medical College's Rural Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP) Informational Meeting Friday, May 15, 2009

Jefferson Medical College located in Philadelphia, PA is hosting an informational meeting on Friday May 15, 2009 (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM) for pre-medical students who are interested in the rural Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP). This program is specifically geared for those students (freshman through seniors) who have grown up or lived in a small town or rural area (i.e. not urban and not suburban), and who are also committed to practicing in a small town or rural area (not necessarily their home town). Additional information about Jefferson's PSAP can be found at: <http://www.tju.edu/psap/>.

During this day, students will be provided with more specific information regarding the PSAP and the admissions process - and will have an opportunity to meet with faculty and students involved in the program. Lunch will be provided, and a campus tour will be offered after the meeting for those who are interested.

Interested students can sign up for the program, or obtain additional information, by contacting contact Carolyn Little, MEd, Education Coordinator, via email at Carolyn.Little@jefferson.edu (or by phone at 215-955-2362). (There is limited space, so please advise students to RSVP early.)

9. Columbia Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gs/postbac/>

10. Want to Learn More About Other Postbaccalaureate Programs?

For a non-exhaustive list of premedical postbaccalaureate programs, visit: <http://services.aamc.org/postbac/>

And for additional programs, visit www.explorehealthcareers.org Search under "Enrichment Programs"

"Tell me what you pay attention to and I will tell you who you are."

-- Jose Ortega y Gasset