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## Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

### Week of March 30, 2009

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing spring break! The purpose of this pre-professional e-bulletin is to provide you with various information regarding summer research programs and other helpful information.

In this edition, you will find information on internships, research opportunities, and different summer programs. Read the descriptions below for more information. Pay careful attention because deadlines are quickly approaching. Enjoy this semester!

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## **Wayne State University Medical School Premed Symposium**

**Saturday April 18, 2009**

**9:30a.m to 3:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by Wayne State University School of Medicine, The Student National Medical Association, and The American Medical Student Association

View details and register online at: [www.med.wayne.edu/admissions](http://www.med.wayne.edu/admissions)

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Admissions Office at 313-577-1466

Registration is limited to the first 400 participants.

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## **UC Berkeley School of Optometry**

**Application deadline: April 27, 2009**

The Admissions and Student Affairs Office at UC Berkeley's School of Optometry is pleased to announce that we will once again offer our summer "Opto-Camp" program. We will offer two sessions this summer,

June 15-17 and July 20-22.

The goal of Berkeley Optometry's Opto-Camp is to introduce underrepresented pre-health science majors to Optometry as a potential future career track and to prepare them to be successful applicants to optometry school. The objective of Berkeley Optometry's Opto-Camp is to present a three-day "in residence" experience that will provide participants with opportunities to learn about the profession of optometry and the process of becoming an optometrist.

Please note that this year we have incorporated a \$100 program fee due to budgetary constraints, however, we are also offering a limited amount of scholarships per session.

Program specifics and the application are linked here:

[http://optometry.berkeley.edu/opt\\_tttp/admissions/admitoptocamp.html](http://optometry.berkeley.edu/opt_tttp/admissions/admitoptocamp.html)

The application deadline is Monday, April 27, 2009.

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## **AACP New Website**

AACP has launched a new website and all of our links have changed. You can access all of the admissions information (including the Pharmacy School Admissions Requirements) in the Student Center at

<http://www.aacp.org/resources/student/pharmacyforyou/admissions/Pages/default.aspx>.

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## **AACOM's 2010 Osteopathic Medical College Information book**

This year, AACOM has released the 2010 College Information Book (CIB) much earlier than in the past to facilitate early exploration among the more than 12,000 individuals who are applying to osteopathic medical schools. We should report that applications to the nation's osteopathic medical colleges have grown by more than 30 percent in the last three years alone!

AACOM's College Information Book (CIB) is the official guide for prospective students, applicants, pre-health advisors and others interested in gaining information about or applying to the nation's osteopathic medical colleges. The publication has been expanded to cover a wealth of important, timely topics, including international practice rights, residency and matches, board examinations, licensure and much more. In addition, the book features six current or recent DO students discussing their personal stories, "In Their Own Words."

To order a copy of the 2010 CIB, visit the online AACOM Bookstore at:

<http://publish.aacom.org/resources/bookstore/pages/default.aspx>  
< <https://mail.aacom.org/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://publish.aacom.org/resources/bookstore/pages/default.aspx> >

Please share with your pre-medical students that the AACOMAS 2010 application will become available in May.

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## **Osteopathic medical school deadlines and AACOMAS Application Cycle**

We wanted to remind you that the 2009 AACOMAS application cycle will be coming to a close in April 2009. Only a handful of the Osteopathic Medical Schools have deadlines in March and April. Please remind your applicants that they should be preparing to submit their materials very shortly. You may view the complete listing of deadlines for our 25 medical schools at:

<http://www.aacom.org/people/colleges/Pages/AppsDue.aspx>

The AACOMAS 2010 application will become available in May. The application will be extremely user-friendly with no significant changes. We encourage you to "release" their information to their advisor, so we are able to monitor your progress in the Advisor Information Center (AIC) portal during the 2010 application cycle.

We encourage applicants to begin (and complete) the application process early. Although some osteopathic colleges will continue to receive applications for 2010 through the Spring of 2010, interview appointments and seats in classes fill early. With over 2.7 applicants per first year seat in the osteopathic medical schools, the earlier an application is submitted, the more comprehensive review that can be received.

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## International Service Learning

International Service Learning is filling the May teams. We have a few openings left on several of our May teams.

MAY TEAMS TO CENTRAL AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, MEXICO, THE CARIBBEAN AND AFRICA.

TEAMS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT EXPERIENCE!

Our 2009 Schedule is available on our website at [www.ISLonline.org](http://www.ISLonline.org) . Just click on Team Schedule. We have teams scheduled throughout the year.

Thanks to our students helping us staff these teams we estimate we'll be serving approximately 35,000 of the underserved with varying levels of health care-thanks for the partnership!

More info at [www.ISLonline.org](http://www.ISLonline.org).

ISL sends medical/dent/opt/public health/PT/vet/pharmaceutical teams to countries in Latin America, Central America, and Africa. We include pre-health students on our teams as a way of preparing the next generation of international medical caregivers. Students receive supervised hands-on experience, health related seminars, and financial sponsorship.

Listings of university, professional, and student references available upon request. Over a 14 year period we've fielded over three hundred teams and annually provide health care for 15,000 of the underserved.

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## OptomCAS

The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) is pleased to announce the launching of the centralized application service for optometry (OptomCAS) on July 15, 2009 for the 2009-2010 application cycle. OptomCAS will offer applicants a convenient, web-based application that will allow them to apply to more than one participating optometry school or college with one application. ALL twenty schools and colleges of optometry will participate.

The OptomCAS website is now available at [www.optomcas.org](http://www.optomcas.org) <<http://www.optomcas.org/>> . This includes an FAQ section that may be helpful to you. This website will be updated on a continuous basis as the application launch date approaches.

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## The Georgetown Summer Medical Institute (GSMI)

The Georgetown Summer Medical Institute (GSMI), a program of the Georgetown School of Medicine, will be offering medical school courses, seminars and workshops for premedical (rising juniors and seniors), post-bacc, graduate and medical students this summer. For undergraduate and post-bacc premedical students, this is a unique opportunity to experience the medical school environment, get to know medical school faculty, and get an in depth education in an actual medical school course.

## The Georgetown Summer Medical Institute (GSMI) cont.

Our courses include:

- Gross Anatomy (with cadaver dissection)
- Medical Biochemistry
- Medical Histology
- Human Physiology

Students may enroll for one of the above courses only. In addition, students who want to learn more about the medical profession and the application process are encouraged to enroll for two seminar series:

Physician and Society Seminars  
Medical Admissions Workshops

This is the fifth year of this program. If you have questions, contact Adam Myers ([myersa@georgetown.edu](mailto:myersa@georgetown.edu)) or visit our website: <http://gsmi.georgetown.edu>

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## **The School of Medicine at Queensland, Brisbane, Australia and Ochsner Health Systems in New Orleans**

For Students Intending to Practice in the U.S.

The School of Medicine of The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia and Ochsner Health Systems in New Orleans, Louisiana have created a medical education program leading to the practice of medicine in the U.S. [www.mededpath.org](http://www.mededpath.org) (<http://www.mededpath.org>). This unique collaboration was formed to broaden the scope of academic medicine globally while helping to supplement the U.S. physician shortage.

Students begin with 2 years of preclinical studies in Brisbane at UQ and then, subject to AMC accreditation, complete their 2 years of clinical studies in New Orleans. This is the only medical school program in which two highly regarded international academic entities have joined to create a single international medical school. It is an ideal option for U.S. students wanting an extraordinary academic experience and a broader world perspective.

To be considered applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, have achieved a minimum 3.0 GPA and a minimum 8/8/M/8 MCAT score. U.S. student loans are available for eligible students. Upon satisfactory completion, students are eligible for ECFMG certification, to take the USMLEs, the NRMP match, and, subject to meeting other state and federal criteria, eligible for licensure and to practice medicine in the U.S.

The University of Queensland is one of Australia's finest medical schools. Founded in 1936, the School of Medicine is renowned globally as an award-winning research institution of excellence and rigor.

The Ochsner Health System has a nationally recognized forward-looking clinical delivery system, anticipating the medical needs of the future. Ochsner is highly regarded for the quality of its patient care, clinical services and as an independent Academic Medical Center. At Ochsner students will have the distinct advantage of a well supervised and cohesive clinical experience.

To learn more about the program please visit our website [\\_www.mededpath.org\\_](http://www.mededpath.org) (<http://www.mededpath.org>) or call 1-877-777-0155.

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## University of Tennessee – Master's In Pharmacology Announcement

Students who have been unsuccessful in their quest for entry into medical school this year need a "plan B", something that will bolster their credentials and improve their chances of future success. For mid-south students (and others!) who currently find themselves in such a situation, the Department of Pharmacology at University of Tennessee Health Science Center now offers an intensive 1-year program leading to a Masters in Pharmacology.

During their time in Memphis, this small class (<20) will work very closely with our 16 full-time faculty. These individuals have both extensive research experience and success; the department has over \$6 million dollars in annual extramural funding, as well as significant educational experience and responsibility. It provides pharmacology education in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Graduate Health Sciences at UTHSC.

The accelerated lecture and tutorial program is designed to provide the student with a comprehensive background in medical pharmacology, taken with our second-year medical class, basic biochemistry and the physiologic and pathophysiologic basis for drug therapy. Successful completion of this program will fully prepare a candidate for additional medical or basic research training.

Full details can be found at our website:

<http://www.utmem.edu/grad/Programs/index.php?page=PharmacologyMS> or, if you would prefer, the co-director of the program, Dr. Edwards Park, can be reached at (901) 448-4779 or by email at [epark@utmem.edu](mailto:epark@utmem.edu).

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