

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Medical Student Scholars Program in Family Medicine

Program/Track

Family Medicine Scholars Program (FMSP)

Synopsis/Background

The Family Medicine Scholars Program is a special 4-year longitudinal curriculum for selected medical students. This track will provide highly motivated students a unique opportunity to engage in preceptor-supervised educational experiences that will expand upon their fund of knowledge and skill set within Family Medicine. The designated students will participate in an array of mentored unique clinical and didactic activities. The FMSP will supplement the required curriculum at UCCOM. The FMSP will support students interested in exploring the different aspects of Family Medicine including ambulatory primary care, sports medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, inpatient based care, urgent care, geriatrics, etc. There is also a special focus for caring for patients in urban and rural settings.

Goals and Objectives

- Provide mentoring and support to students interested in Family Medicine as a career.
- Increase awareness of the principles of Family Medicine.
- Expose students to the breadth of career options for Family Physicians.
- Facilitate community engagement discussions and opportunities.
- Provide opportunities for clinical based research experiences.
- Increase exposure to caring for patients in urban and rural health settings.

Program Personnel

Program Director: Anisa Shomo, MD

Program Coordinator: Kim Hawkins

Family Physicians from the UC Departments of Family and Community Medicine as well as community family physicians will be included in teaching, mentoring and precepting of the FMSP students.

Financial Support

- Department of Family and Community Medicine
- Urban Health Project for summer experience between M1/M2

- Ohio Academy of Family Physicians' Leroy Rogers Scholarship Fund
- AHEC Rural and Underserved Scholars Track (RUST)

Enrollment/Admission Criteria

Applications are due at the end of September through the centralized Medical Student Scholars Program Application. Applicants will be interviewed in October and official candidate selection and notification will be at the end of October. Up to 6 scholars positions are available. Selection is based on student interest in Family Medicine as a career choice, commitment to community service, and fit within the program. Underrepresented minority students are encouraged to apply.

Application Process

Interested students should complete a Medical Student Scholars Program Application before October 1, 2020 and submit it to Kim Hawkins at hawkinskb@ucmail.uc.edu.

Criteria for Ongoing Participation

Since the FMSP is an optional opportunity with a significant time commitment, all students must remain in good academic standing with the College of Medicine to participate. Students are encouraged to be forthcoming and disclose problems early on with the FMSP director. Student that fall out of good academic standing will be suspended from program activities until academic performance improves. Failure to improve academic performance will result in dismissal from the FMSP program. Professional misconduct will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from the FMSP program. Students must meet time commitment requirements as laid out in the curriculum section. Students who met all requirements will be designated as a FMSP graduate in the MSPE, receive a Certificate of Completion, and be recognized at the Honors Day Celebration.

General Description & Curricular Overview (please address clinical, didactic, advising, research, mentorship, project, leadership, service)

Students will meet with UC Family Medicine Faculty on campus and with selected primary care preceptors at their clinical sites throughout the community. Monthly dinner meetings will be held either on campus or at a faculty member's home. These 90 minute mandatory meetings will also serve as an opportunity for all four years of students of the FMSP to discuss relevant family medicine topics. Funded service, clinical, or research experience during the summers between year one and two is also required.

- Year 1
 - Exploration: exposure to different aspects of Family Medicine through monthly didactic sessions, December through May. Must attend at least 4 of 6 sessions.
 - Clinical shadowing experiences: minimum 4 half days
 - FMIG: attend at least 70% of the activities
 - Mentor selection: choose a mentor to work more closely with through the year and also attend the monthly didactic sessions and shadowing experiences.
 - Volunteer/Community Service: at least 10 hours
 - Attend Grand rounds when able: 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30 – 8:30 at Christ Hospital Classroom 1 & 2 (virtually during the pandemic)

- Summer Experience: between M1 and M2
 - Complete Summer Experience: minimum of 200 hours
 - Urban Health Project, Rural Health Experience, Family Medicine Research, Global Health Experience are the preferred options for achieving hours
 - Present a poster related to this experience at the UC Research and Service Symposium in November
 - Attend Grand rounds when able: 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30 – 8:30 at Christ Hospital Classroom 1 & 2 (virtually during the pandemic)

- Year 2
 - Monthly didactics: October through May. Must attend 6 of the 8 sessions.
 - Clinical shadowing experiences: minimum 6 half days
 - FMIG: attend at least 70% of the activities
 - Mentor guidance: meet with mentor at least once a semester
 - Volunteer/Community service: at least 20 hours
 - Attend Grand rounds when able: 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30 – 8:30 at Christ Hospital Classroom 1 & 2 (virtually during the pandemic)

- Year 3

- Encouraged to take the Geriatrics Specialty Elective
- Attend minimum of 2 didactic sessions
- Meet with mentors for assistance with residency applications and scheduling year 4 electives: at least once a semester
- Year 4
 - Complete at least 4 weeks of a FM elective or AI
 - Monthly didactic sessions: attend a minimum of 4 sessions. Present at one session.
 - Meet with mentor at least once a semester regarding residency application process.
 - Participate in the mock interview process.

Evaluation

The student's progress will be evaluated based on participation in the educational lectures, participation in the clinical experience, and progress on their summer research project. Students will meet yearly with the FMSP director to evaluate their goals and progress in the program. This meeting will cover the following:

- Criteria for ongoing participation
 - Verification of good academic performance in the COM
 - Attendance at program meetings
 - Attendance at FMIG activities
 - Clinical Participation logs
 - Scholarly project completion
- Student feedback regarding the FMSP
- Faculty feedback regarding student performance

Withdrawal Procedure

Students are encouraged to complete the program even if their career interest changes. Student who wish to leave the program should met with the FMSP director to discuss reasons for leaving. They must then notify the FMSP director, Anisa Shomo, MD, in writing of their final decision to withdraw from the program.