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**Subject:** [gsalist] Ophthalmology elective opportunities for URiM students

In an effort to promote **Ophthalmology**, I am sharing some fantastic funded opportunities for URiM students interested in learning more about our field. My AUPO colleagues have requested that I forward this information to this listserv to better inform your students.

### **1. University of Utah**

The University of Utah, Moran Eye Center, is awarding a number of \$500 scholarships to visiting URiM medical students taking an ophthalmology elective in our center. Interested students can refer to this website for more information

Interested students should visit the following website for more information:

<https://medicine.utah.edu/ophthalmology/education/courses/7600.php>. Further inquiries can be directed to Chandler Thompson via email: [chandler.thompson@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:chandler.thompson@hsc.utah.edu).

We would be very grateful if you could pass along this information to anyone you feel could benefit from a visiting rotation at Moran Eye Center.

### **2. Stanford University**

The Stanford Department of Ophthalmology invites your medical students to apply to the SCORE (Stanford Clinical Opportunity for Residency Experience) Program. This program provides a \$2000 stipend, dedicated mentorship, and free housing (which can otherwise be a challenge in the San Francisco Bay Area) to URiM, economically, educationally, or socially disadvantaged medical students and others whose backgrounds and experiences would diversify their clinical fields. This program is also available for a number of other medical specialties at Stanford. Please visit

<https://med.stanford.edu/clerkships/score-program.html> for more information.

### **3. American Academy of Ophthalmology Minority Ophthalmology Mentoring for Students**

The purpose of the Minority Ophthalmology Mentoring program is to increase diversity in the field of ophthalmology by helping underrepresented in medicine (URiM) students become competitive ophthalmology residency applicants. Students receive one-on-one mentorship, valuable guidance in medical career planning, networking opportunities and access to a variety of educational resources. Students selected to participate in the Minority Ophthalmology Mentoring program are required to attend Student Engagement Weekend in Las Vegas on Nov. 14 and 15, 2020.

Please visit <https://www.surveymz.com/s3/5025864/class-of-2020> for more information. Application deadline for the 2020 class is June 15, 2020, 5 PM PST.

Stay tuned as more **Ophthalmology specific** opportunities are in the works at other institutions such as the University of Miami/Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and the University of Pittsburgh. We will alert you as these become available.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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