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Dear Colleague:

The Visiting Clerkship Program (VCP), sponsored by the Minority Faculty Development Program (MFDP) of the Harvard Medical School (HMS) Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership, provides support for fourth-year and qualified third-year medical students from groups underrepresented in medicine (African-American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native) to participate in the HMS Exchange Clerkship Program.

Since VCP's inception in 1990, more than 1,300 students from all 50 states, plus Puerto Rico and Canada have participated in the program. The Program is designed to increase medical student awareness of opportunities in academic medicine, to increase their consideration of an academic training program for internship and residency, and especially, to increase the number of minority students applying to HMS-affiliated hospital training programs.

We have enclosed VCP brochures (with monthly application deadline dates for 2018-2019 academic year) and flyers. The brochure provides details on eligibility requirements and financial assistance for applicants. We encourage prospective students to download our [Training Directory](#), which describes each of the HMS teaching hospitals and research facilities, as well as summaries of training programs in each area of specialty.

Please help us reach out to interested students by posting or distributing the program materials. If you have any questions or would like electronic copies of both the flyer and brochure, please feel free to contact us at 617-432-4422 or email the VCP office at vcp_hsp@hms.harvard.edu.

Sincerely,

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Visiting Clerkship Program for AY 2018-2019

About the Visiting Clerkship Program:

The Minority Faculty Development Program of Harvard Medical School (HMS) sponsors a Visiting Clerkship Program (VCP) for medical students, particularly African-American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native students in their fourth year of medical school. Third-year medical students in their last quarter, who have completed core clerkships in medicine, surgery, pediatrics and obstetrics, are also eligible. In addition to completion of core requirements, all students applying to the VCP must have completed USMLE Step 1 prior to the start of their rotation. The VCP is offered throughout the calendar year and electives are available at HMS-affiliated institutions that include:

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Brockton/West Roxbury VA Hospitals
Boston Children's Hospital
Cambridge Health Alliance
Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Harvard Vanguard Medical Association

Joslin Diabetes Center
Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
Massachusetts General Hospital
McLean Hospital
Mount Auburn Hospital
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital

Financial Assistance and Networking Support:

The program will reimburse up to \$400 toward the cost of traveling to and from Boston and will provide housing for participating students. Clerkship students are assigned a faculty advisor, can meet with Residency Training Program Directors or their associates and are offered the opportunity to network with HMS faculty, house-staff and students. The program hosts a Minority Faculty/Student Dinner each month for our visiting students.

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