

**Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education/Netter Center for Community Partnerships  
Summer Scholarly Experience in Medical Education**



Dear 1<sup>st</sup> Year Students,

Announcing a Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education/Netter Center Summer Scholarly Experience in Medical Education

The goals of this initiative are to:

1. Engage a student in planning a pilot medical education project involving the University, its medical center, and West Philadelphia schools and their communities.
2. Spark innovation and creativity
3. Advance opportunities for scholarship in medical education

Length of experience: 6-8 weeks, Summer 2021

Stipend: \$3000.00

Eligible students: All current 1<sup>st</sup> year MD students eligible for summer research (no planned remediations or other summer commitments to another project; if you have another project with a stipend or a commitment of time, you are not eligible to apply and if you apply and are selected you must commit to this project within 5 days of notification).

Project Framework: There are several national and international models for advancing medical education by working collaboratively in specific neighborhoods to improve health education, health care access and services, and health status. These approaches simultaneously incorporate interdisciplinary education, experiential and service learning, partnership development and doctoring skills. A key component of this work is establishing long-term community partnerships that are sites for ongoing activity. This summer research project would examine various approaches to this work that could be adapted for Penn Medicine. A focus of the research would be working with Penn and community partners to identify and evaluate possible sites of ongoing collaboration. The student would work directly with the Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education and the Netter Center for Community partnerships, specifically its director, Ira Harkavy, PhD.

Interested students must apply by **March 15th, noon**. Proposals must be submitted as a PDF to the [SVDeanMedEd@upenn.edu](mailto:SVDeanMedEd@upenn.edu) email account. Proposals should be single spaced 12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins with the following components:

1. Your Name
2. Your brief bio and why the project is of interest to you (max 300 words)
3. Project Plan that has your initial thoughts for conducting the project (max 2 pages)
  - a. Aims/Goals
  - b. Significance and Innovation
  - c. Project description/design
  - d. Methods or plan for completion
  - e. Plan to assess project's success
  - f. Feasibility of implementation
  - g. References (maximum 2)

Applicants will be reviewed by a committee consisting of medical education faculty and a member of the Netter Center's Faculty Advisory Board. The top applicants will be forwarded to the Senior Vice Dean for Medical Education and the Director of the Netter Center for final selection.

Final notification of the selected project will take place on or before April 1.

A product must be submitted upon completion of the project. The product could be a submission to Med Ed Portal, a curriculum, an innovative assessment, detailed project plan, presentation, or paper.