Scholars in Ophthalmology Program at Mass Eye and Ear and Harvard Medical School

At Mass Eye and Ear and the Department of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School we are committed to training a diverse next generation of ophthalmology physicians with strong research capabilities.

Program description:
- Scholars will start the program during the summer of 2021 and remain engaged as alumni through activities year-round.
- Summer activities will include opportunities for mentoring with a practicing ophthalmologist and hands-on research in a vision laboratory.
- Year-round activities will include live chats and one-on-one virtual interactions providing coaching and advice to promote successful applications to Ophthalmology residency programs.
- $5,000 stipend will be provided for summer internship living expenses (8-weeks).
- Program may be modified according to safety recommendations related to COVID-19.

Eligibility:
- Individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown by the National Science Foundation to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply (https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented).
- Current M1s, from a US medical school
- Students must be able to commit a minimum of 8 weeks full time commitment during Summer of 2021.

Application requirements:
- Curriculum vitae
- Two letters of recommendation sent directly to the program administration.
- Personal statement describing 1) qualifications for this program, and, 2) interest in ophthalmology.

Application process:
- Applications materials and letters of recommendation should be sent by January 31st, 2021 to Kahira Saez-Torres (kahira_saez-torres@meei.harvard.edu).
- Program admission notices will be sent by March 15th, 2021.