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**Yale Visiting Elective Program for Students Underrepresented in Neurology**

The Yale School of Medicine Department of Neurology is delighted to offer a visiting program during the 2021-22 academic year for students who identify in groups that are underrepresented in Neurology. This program offers an opportunity for students to spend four weeks in a Neurology elective at Yale New Haven Hospital's York Street Campus.

Students are offered a choice of elective experiences in general inpatient neurology, vascular neurology, the inpatient neurology consult service, or the neurosciences intensive care unit.

Eligible students include final-year medical students (at the time of elective) in good standing who are enrolled in a U.S. LCME accredited allopathic institution (enrolled in a medical degree granting program) and who are from URM groups. The AAMC Definition of underrepresented in medicine is as follows: “Underrepresented in medicine means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population.”

The visiting student electives available for this program are listed below and are listed on the AAMC Visiting Student Application System (VSAS) website in the 2021-22 catalog. Each elective is four weeks in duration. For detailed elective descriptions of the neurology electives, please visit [Yale School of Medicine/Medical Education at Yale/Visiting Student Electives](#).

**Scholarship & Housing**

Scholarship: This program offers a scholarship to U.S. medical students eligible and approved to participate in the program. The scholarship will pay up to $1500 to assist in travel and lodging while students rotate participate in the program. Scholarship funds are provided in the form of a check to visiting medical students after their medicine elective rotation at Yale ends.

The program does not offer housing for visiting medical students approved to participate. After you are approved to participate, the program will send you a list of housing resources so you may secure housing for yourself in New Haven.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be in the final year of medical school (at time of elective)
- Have completed all core clinical clerkships before participating in the program
- Be in good standing in a medical degree-granting program at a LCME accredited institution outside the state of Connecticut
- Identify as underrepresented in medicine

This program is NOT available to medical students in the following categories:
- Attend or are graduated from non-U.S. medical schools
- Attend medical schools that are not accredited by the LCME
- Attend medical school in Connecticut
- Foreign medical students on an F-1 Visa who attend U.S. medical schools
- Not members of groups underrepresented in Medicine

Application Process and Requirements:
- The Yale VSAS (AAMC Visiting Student Application Service) is now open to all visiting medical students who wish to apply for visiting student elective rotations during the 2021-22 academic year. Per current AAMC guidelines, rotations must begin after June 21, 2021.
- All students are required to apply using the AAMC Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS).
- The following are required as part of the VSAS application:
  - Completed application form that includes emergency contact information.
  - Letter of support from the Dean/Registrar of the student’s medical school, including verification that the student is in good academic standing and has completed all core clerkships as well as HIPAA training and respiratory fit testing. There should also be documentation of student health insurance and malpractice insurance. The letter should be written on the medical school’s stationery, with the school’s seal and the Dean/Registrar’s original signature.
  - Copy of student’s current transcript.
- We suggest you apply to more than one of the Neurology electives listed above.
- The AAMC VSAS application fee is $40.
- For AY2021-22, the program (YVPSUM) will waive the Yale School of Medicine $200 application processing fee for those students who’re approved and confirmed to participate in the program.

After you submit your VSAS application, please email Dr. Jeffrey Dewey, Director of Electives in Neurology (jeffrey.dewey@yale.edu) and Donna
Cartwright, Neurology Clerkship and Elective Registrar (donna.cartwright@yale.edu) with the following:

- Confirmation that you have submitted your VSAS application to the Yale School of Medicine, Neurology Elective (please specify which electives applied to, e.g. general neurology, consult, etc.)
- A copy of your curriculum vitae
- A letter of intent describing your interest in neurology and goals for the rotation

NOTE: All students will be notified by email about the status of their application to the program. All applications will be reviewed by a committee using holistic criteria.

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We look forward to reviewing your applications!

Sincerely,

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