Program Description

The Summer Research and Medical Enrichment Program is offered by the Office of International Medicine Programs (IMP) at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS). This 5-week summer program provides access to medical and research enrichment opportunities at GW University for talented 3rd year international students in health sciences who are motivated to pursue graduate medical education and training in the United States.

Learning Objectives

Through this program, participants will have the opportunity to achieve the following learning objectives:

• Gain exposure to resources and experts at an internationally recognized institution
• Obtain hands-on research experience by conducting a systematic review of a health research topic under the guidance of GW faculty
• Gain skills in research processes, creation of scientific research posters, and presentation of research projects through participation in a research symposium
• Observe ongoing biomedical research in state-of-the-art laboratories
• Gain first-hand knowledge of American medical education, research, and healthcare systems
• Enhance the credentials of those students who are motivated to pursue graduate medical education and training in the United States
• Create a network of professional contacts for future support in educational and professional endeavors
Curriculum
The curriculum consists of courses, workshops, and activities including:

• **Research**: Research Workshops, Group Research Project, Scientific Manuscript Writing Workshop, Lab Tours, Translational Research Lecture, End-of-the-Summer Research Symposium

• **Medical Enrichment**: Hospital Observations, Clinical Learning and Simulation Skills (CLASS) Center, Medical Library Resources Workshop, Grand Rounds, USMLE Diagnostic Exam, Test Taking Strategies & Advising

• **Professional Development**: Career Guidance & U.S. Medical Education Workshop, English Workshops, Community Service Activity, CV & Personal Statement Writing Workshop

Application Process and Selection Criteria
Interested and qualified students must submit the following documents to IMP (impinfo@gwu.edu) by May 1st of each year in order to be considered for admission:

• Curriculum Vitae
• Copy of Passport
• English Proficiency (TOEFL > 90 score report OR Skype interview and writing samples)
• Dean’s Letter of Good Standing
• One Letter of Recommendation (from a faculty member)
• Medical School Transcripts
• One-page objective statement (12-point font Times New Roman, single-spaced describing the applicant’s research interests and experience, clinical interests and experience, professional objectives, and goals and expectations for this program.)
• Financial guarantee or sponsorship letter

Acceptance is based on applicant’s qualifications. Applicants should apply as soon as possible as space is limited and the visa processing times may vary. Applicants must have completed their 3rd (of a six-year program) of medical school by June of the year in which they plan to participate.