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## INTEGRATED CHILD PSYCHIATRY/PEDIATRICS MINORITY VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM 2023

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**Weill Cornell Medicine takes pride in cultivating a diverse and inclusive environment for healthcare, research, education and the community.**

Weill Cornell Medicine Departments of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at New York-Presbyterian are pleased to announce the **2023 Neil H. Merkatz MD Memorial Visiting Minority Scholar Program in Integrated Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Pediatrics**. The program is open to 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student applicants from groups underrepresented in medicine including African-American, Native American, Alaskan Native, Mexican American, Hispanic, Asian, and Pacific Islander. The selected student will be reimbursed up to \$3000 for housing for the 4 week rotation and receive a \$1500 travel and living expense stipend. This elective will occur on the month of September every year.

### **Program Description**

Awarded student will have the opportunity to visit Weill Cornell Medicine for their electives and gain exposure to novel integrated approaches to care within pediatrics and child and adolescent psychiatry developed to:

- Address the need to train pediatricians in the recognition and treatment of mental health concerns in their patients given the workforce shortage in child mental health;
- Improve collaboration between medical and mental health providers

The program additionally aims to increase diversity and cultural competency in the health care workforce and promote interest in academic medicine among under-represented minority students. With these aims in mind, participants will be provided mentorship with selected faculty and networking opportunities within the medical college in addition to their clinical experiences. During the program, participants also will have an opportunity to meet the Merkatz family.

### **Eligibility**

- Must be a registered full time 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student at an LCME accredited U.S. medical school.
- Must be a member of groups underrepresented in mental health.
- Must have demonstrated vision and commitment to excellence, with interest in advancing diversity within psychiatry and pediatrics, as well as in integrated care with pediatrics and child and adolescent psychiatry.

### **Application Process**

- Apply for this elective through the AAMC-Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO).
- Complete a visiting scholar program application, letter of support, transcript, CV, and personal statement (see list on page 2).
- Students may choose to take credit for the selective from either the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry or Department of Pediatrics depending on the field they plan to pursue in residency.

**Application Deadline is June 1, 2023**

**Notification of Award will be made by June 30, 2023**

All acceptances are pending administrative clearance by Weill Cornell.



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## Neil H. Merkatz MD Memorial Visiting Minority Scholar Program in Integrated Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Pediatrics

### 2023 Supplemental Application

#### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

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*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation : \_\_\_\_\_

Medical School : \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest in Psychiatry and/or Pediatrics:: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please submit the following on the AAMC-Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO)

- Completed and signed program application
- Brief personal statement describing career goals and interest in Weill Cornell Medicine
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official transcript and Letter of support uploaded by your registrar

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For more information, please contact Susan Samuels [sus9079@med.cornell.edu](mailto:sus9079@med.cornell.edu).