



Medical Student Council Meeting
Thursday, **September 15th** at 6:00 PM
Student Center Main Lounge
Agenda

Voting Members in Attendance

Attendance: Alexandra Greenberg, Joya Ahmad, McKenzie Andrews, Mohamed Heiba, Rachel Baum, Priscilla Varghese, Alana Engelbrecht, Hamza Khilji, Srishty Amarnani, Anna Liberman, Hannah Brown, Anastasia Bui, Kunika Chahal, Carl-Fredrick Janvier, Alberto Barnientos, Yusuf Hasan, Liam Deagan

Guests in Attendance

Isabella Chirico, Laureen Chan, Susan Gong, Lara Finnerty-Haggerty, Maissa Trabilisy, Elver Ho

**Minutes recorded by Priscilla Varghese.
Alexandra Greenberg presiding over the meeting.**

New Business

1. [Budget Requests](#)

1. Independent Student project - presenter Isabella Chirico
 - i. AACAP 2022 Meeting - 1 poster presentation
 - ii. Total Amount: \$2067.36
 - iii. MC Request: \$1000
 1. Has already hit the max funding amount from Alumni
2. Urology Club – presenter Susan Gong
 - i. New club budget \$250
 1. Urology Social
 - a. Event to establish a following
3. Adam - \$150 for Zoom
 - i. Cost of 1 premium zoom account for student clubs; UC and SCGB are covering the cost of other accounts
4. Independent Student project - presenter McKenzie Andrews
 - i. AAMC Learn Serve Lead 2022 Meeting - 1 poster presentation
 - ii. Total Amount: \$500
 - iii. MC Request: \$500
 1. Received Alumni funding but it doesn't cover registration fees
5. Independent Student project - presenter Lara Finnerty-Haggerty
 - i. WPATH 2022 Meeting - 2 oral presentations
 - ii. Total Amount: \$1541.32
 - iii. MC Request: \$541.32

6. DINE - presenter Maissa Trabilisy
 - i. Build your own overnight oats: \$142.27
 - ii. Food for intro meeting: \$290.80
 - iii. Note: DINE has \$375 in their account
 - iv. Explained that clubs should average \$300/month on events
7. Independent Student project - presenter Elver Ho
 - i. AAPMR 2022 Meeting - presentation of published research
 - ii. Total Amount: \$656
 - iii. MC Request: \$656
 1. Has already hit the max funding amount from Alumni
 2. explained that MC will also be limiting funding to \$1000/academic year
8. Independent Student project - presenter Hamza Khilji
 - i. CNS 2022 Meeting - 1 abstract presentation
 - ii. Total Amount: \$1700
 - iii. MC Request: \$700
9. Independent Student project - presenter Lulu Wei
 - i. ANES 2022 Meeting - 1 featured poster presentation
 - ii. Total Amount: \$1720.72
 - iii. MC Request: \$1302.72
 1. Has already hit the max funding amount from Alumni
10. Independent Student project - presenter Lon Yin Chan
 - i. AAPMR 2022 Meeting - 1 abstract presentation
 - ii. Total Amount: \$500
 - iii. MC Request: \$500
 1. Has already hit the max funding amount from Alumni
11. Congress of Neurological - presenter Hamza
 - i. MC Request - Remainder of Alumni Association request
2. Class Updates
 - a. 2023
 1. "Chugging along"
 2. Announcement of Class Graduation Date
 1. Cannot announce the date because the venue has not confirmed, negotiating with Coney Island at the moment
 - b. 2024
 1. Booster Shot
 1. Is it a possibility for students to receive the newly approved booster shots for COVID?
 - a. The federal government is only making the booster only available through pharmacies - we need to request approval for distribution to students
 - b. This is something we need to revisit
 - c. There will be communication regarding this to students once a clear answer is reached
 - d. We recommend that all students, should they have access to the vaccine, take it (CVS, local pharmacies, etc.)
 2. Flu Vaccines
 - a. This will be occurring closer to October
 2. Social Security Card - Kings County
 1. Kings County recently changed their requirements for rotating students to include submission of social security numbers

- a. Update - Kings County has since removed the requirement for social security cards for onboarding for students
 - b. Issue created confusion across the board, but the requirement has been removed and resolved.
- c. 2025
 - 1. UWORLD ORDER
 - 1. Email was received today
 - a. Sent by Ms. Lee to MC2025
 - b. UWORLD will be received in the next 3 days
 - 2. Tutoring for Unit 5 and 6
 - 1. The latest is that financial forms for tutors have only recently been submitted.
 - 2. Student were being hired as independent contractors which caused a prolonged process to hire tutors
 - 3. There is a new protocol for tutors not part of work study to be hired efficiently
 - 3. Tutoring Eligibility for Remediated Students
 - 1. Is there a policy for students that have had to remediate to be selected as tutors?
 - 2. The criteria that has been unofficially established is that if you remediate a class - you are not eligible to be a tutor.
 - a. There was a specific case where a student was hired but then the offer was rescinded given that they had to remediate a unit.
 - b. Dean Putman will advocate for said student
 - 4. STEP 1 Support Session
 - 1. Are there any ongoing STEP 1 support programs in place for students?
 - a. AOA has a tutoring program for STEP 1
 - 2. Is the Medical Council allowed to use funds to contribute towards STEP 1 support?
 - a. Study resources are not outrightly permitted - cannot be specifically academic
 - b. Would a workshop be possibly funded? This is a further conversation
 - 5. Bedside Experiences
 - 1. Lack of standardization across the board
 - a. Addending, evaluations, clinical exposure
 - b. There is a learning objective attached to each exposure
 - c. Faculty recognizes that student experiences are not the same across the board, but we are working to make sure there is a standard experience between all sites and requirements for each student are being fulfilled
 - d. If there are cases where clinical exposure necessary to fulfill bedside requirements are not being met, students are to directly reach out to Dr. Ovitsch.
 - 2. A site (Brookdale) told students that they needed to pay for their own background checks
 - a. This issue was since resolved
 - b. This was based off of Brookdale administration miscommunication
 - c. This was not a Downstate sided issue

6. Brooklyn Hospital
 1. Charges \$40-50 dollars to students for UA
 2. Their registration office is oddly timed, making it hard for students to get cleared in a timely fashion
 3. Badge access and EMR access has been repeatedly denied to students
 4. Scrub access has also been denied for multiple students
 5. On average, students miss $\frac{1}{6}$ of their rotation at these sites for this reason
7. Shuttle Schedule
 1. Students should be made aware that there is a rigid shuttle schedule for specific sites
8. Absence Policies
 1. Does presenting at a conference count towards your allotted 2 absences per unit?
 - a. Deans will find out and get back to students regarding this
 - b. According to admin - there is no such thing as an excused or unexcused absence, it is a reported or unreported absence.
 - c. Emergency absence - the form must be submitted as soon as possible
 - i. i.e. sickness, death etc.
 - ii. if you do it the next day, it is acceptable, but you need to do it as soon as you can
 - d. POPS Late Attendance
 - i. There have been moments where students have to leave POPs 30 min earlier and thus miss attendance and does not receive credit for attending.
 - ii. The attendance policy for POPs has been an issue for a while

d. 2026

1. Discussion of change to summatives: MK and PC together, with no break. No break for a 3hr 45min exam with no water or food allowed.
 1. No stop the clock bathroom breaks.
 - a. For students with accommodations, they have to sit through a 6 hour test day with no break, no food, no water.
 - b. Some students have medical conditions that is incompatible with no break, food, or water for such a long time
 - c. Proposal: Include stop the clock bathroom breaks, allow water/sealed food in the room so we can eat them during breaks without going to our locker
 - d. USMLE Break Time Policy:
<https://www.usmle.org/step-exams/exam-day-information/break-time>
 - e. USMLE Schedule overview:
<https://www.usmle.org/step-exams/step-1/step-1-exam-content>
 2. COM26 will be sending the recorded zoom where this was announced to the Deans

3. Deans will review this issue and update by next meeting
4. The school follows proctor rules for non-NBME facilities
2. Accommodations
 1. Students have been denied accommodations by proctors
 - a. Proctors will be made aware that approved accommodations must be followed
3. Discussion of formative on Monday of summative week and it's on Rosh Hashanah
 1. Proposal: Move to open the formative on Thursday evening, closing on Friday evening
 - a. Will also accommodate people who observe Rosh Hashanah
 - b. Students also would prefer a Friday to Saturday formative open period
 - c. There are so many options so that students will not have formatives on the Monday of Summative week.
4. Discussion of formatives in general
 1. Monday is usually very busy, we have been having 30 min break in a full day of classes from 9-5 for the past few weeks.
 2. Difficult to perform well after such long days.
 3. Proposal: Move formative to open on Sunday afternoon, closing on Monday evening.
 - a. Flexibility for students to take it on the weekends or choose to take it on Monday during business hours in case they need help from faculty
5. Summative Exams
 1. If you are in an emergency situation or you are unable DO NOT START AN EXAM
 2. You are allowed to retake/reschedule the exam for the summer
 3. You cannot fail another unit in this case, because having to retake two sets of exams and will likely be pushed back
 4. The summer scheduling of exam retakes are also on a case by case basis
 - a. Students have had back to back unit exams vs having a grace period between exams for summer exams
 5. The appeals process regarding exams/remediation is not standardized
6. Academic Support Specifically for Medical School
 1. Why is Academic Support shared amongst all the schools?
 2. Is it possible for there to be an academic support advisor dedicated for the medical school.
 3. Can there be school specific liaisons?
 4. No one is currently happy with academic support
 - a. The entire approach of academic support is not effective
 - b. The people that are succeeding are doing so in spite of the academic support office

5. Can we possibly meet with Dr. Langley?
 - a. Can we submit questions to Dr. Langley beforehand?
6. SLC for 2025 is having monthly meetings with all of the deans present
7. Town Halls
 1. Town Halls are continued to be virtual
 2. Given the issues that are arising in medical council - the meetings should be returned to in person meetings
8. Subject Based Meetings
 1. Issues that have arised in Medical Council will have specific meeting scheduled with relevant faculty in order to troubleshoot and come up with solutions
 2. Dean Putman will set up the first few meetings regarding Academic Advising and Summative Exams (combined MK/PC exam)

Trending Topics

- a. Thanksgiving dinner
 - i. Tabled for next meeting
- b. MC space
 - i. For office hours so that students can come and meet representatives
- c. Conference funding
 - i. Tabled for next meeting
- d. Student survey results discussion

Closed Meeting

- I. Motioned by Hamza Khilji
- II. Seconded by Srishty Amarnani

Meeting is now closed. 8:03 pm

New Business

1. Approval of August Minutes

- a. Motion to approve May minutes made by Hamza Khilji
- b. Seconded by Alana Englebrecht
 1. Vote
 1. For - 18
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to approve August minutes

2. \$150 for Student Club Premium Zoom

- a. Option to fund \$150
- b. Motion to fund \$150 made by Hamza Khilji
- c. Seconded by Alana Englebrecht
 1. Vote

1. For - 17
2. Against - 0
3. Abstain - 1

Motion passes to transfer \$150 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001)

3. Club and Individual requests

- a. Independent Student project - Isabella Chirico - Attachment #1
 1. Option to cover one night of hotel not covered by alumni association, poster printing and tube, do not cover ground transportation, additional hotel nights or travel insurance = \$488 (added small amount for tax)
 2. Motion to fund \$488 made by Mckenzie Andrews
 3. Seconded by Srishty Amarnani
 4. Vote
 - a. For- 18
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$488 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Isabella Chirico

- b. Urology Club – Attachment #2
 1. Option to fund \$250 in full
 2. Motion to fund \$250 made by Alana Englebrecht
 3. Seconded by Priscilla Varghese
 4. Vote
 - a. For- 18
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$250 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Downstate Urology Club (40-70274-012-30001)

- c. Independent Student project - McKenzie Andrews - Attachment #3
 1. Option to fund \$500
 2. Motion to fund \$500 made by Srishty Amarnani
 3. Seconded by Alana Englebrecht
 4. Vote
 - a. For- 18
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$500 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to McKenzie Andrews

- d. Independent Student project - Lara Finnerty-Haggerty - Attachment #4
 1. Option to fund 541.32 minus food budget = \$450.32 by Alana Englebrecht
 2. Motion to fund \$450.32 made by Alana Englebrecht
 3. Seconded by Srishty Amarnani
 4. Vote

- a. For- 18
- b. Against - 0
- c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$450.32 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Lara Finnerty-Haggerty

- e. DINE - Attachment #5
 - 1. Option to fund \$258.02 (\$142.27+ \$290.80- \$175.05 already in account)
 - 2. Motion to fund \$258.02 made by Srishty Amarnani
 - 3. Seconded by Alana Englebrecht
 - a. For- 18
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$258.02 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to DINE (40-70374-012-30001)

- f. Independent Student project - Elver Ho - Attachment #6
 - 1. Option to fund \$656 in full
 - 2. Motion to fund \$656 made by Alana Englebrecht
 - 3. Seconded by Srishty Amarnani
 - 4. Vote
 - a. For- 18
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$656 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Elver Ho

- g. Independent Student project - Hamza Khilji - Attachment #7
 - 1. Option to fund \$468 (everything except extra hotel day)
 - 2. Motion to fund \$468 made by Srishty Amarnani
 - 3. Seconded by Joya Ahmad
 - 4. Vote
 - a. For- 18
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$468 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Hamza Khilji

- h. Independent Student project - Lulu Wei - Attachment #8
 - 1. Option to fund in full up to our limit of \$1000
 - 2. Motion to fund \$1000 made by Priscilla Varghese
 - 3. Seconded by Alana Englebrecht
 - 4. Vote
 - a. For- 18
 - b. Against - 0
 - c. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$1000 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Lulu Wei

- i. Independent Student project - Lon Yin Chan - Attachment #9
 1. Option to fund \$500 in full
 2. Motion to fund \$500 made by Alana Englebrecht
 3. Seconded by Srishty Amarnani
 4. Vote
 1. For- 18
 2. Against - 0
 3. Abstain - 0

Motion passes to transfer \$500 from Projects and Programs (40-70174-012-30001) to Lon Yin Chan

**Motion to end meeting by Srishty Amarnani
Seconded by Alana Englebrecht
Meeting Closed at 8:25 PM**

Minutes were scribed by Priscilla Varghese

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Priscilla Varghese". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Approved by Alexandra Greenberg - Medical Council President.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT INTERIM BUDGET REQUEST FORM

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- Merits of the student(s) which may include but are not limited to:
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 - Size and diversity of the event's attendees
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Event/Project Title: "Insurance as a Barrier to Care: Depression Treatment Appeals in California Adolescents Speaker's Corner", "The 20-Year Impact of Medical Society Instruments on Overcoming Barriers to Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment"

Date(s) of event/project: 10/17/2022-10/21/2022

Brief description of event/project: 69th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Lead coordinator/planner: Isabella Chirico

email: isabella.chirico@downstate.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project: co-authors Lulu Wei, Mitchell Bayne

How many people do you expect to attend? at least 5 other Downstate affiliates - co-author Lulu Wei and PI Dr. Cathryn Galanter, 3 other Downstate students are presenting other abstracts - and thousands of others affiliated with The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) and Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CACAP)

The event/project was advertised/pertains to the: (select all that apply)

College of Medicine Graduate School CHRP Entire Downstate Community

How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other:

Has this event/project ever been done before? Yes No If yes, when (e.g. annually)?

Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

If answered YES to the previous question, please list the clubs/organizations and how they plan to contribute (if they are contributing money, indicate how much):

Itemized Budget:

<u>Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)</u>	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
Poster printing x2	114	228
Travel tube x2	5	10
Hotel stay	234.54/night*5 + tax	1378.18
Flights*	74.02, 139.90	213.92
Ground transportation to/from airports*	71.30, 77.55	148.85
Travel Insurance*	88.04	88.41

Total: 2067.36
minus other funding: 930^
Asking amount: 1000

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: 1000

University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.): \$1,000 from Alumni Association

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of.

I have been accepted to present two original research abstracts at AACAP 2022. I have also just submitted a manuscript expanding on these projects to a psychiatry journal. I would greatly appreciate any funding to help me be able to share our results with the child and adolescent psychiatry community because I intend to pursue this career field. I am applying for psychiatric residency this cycle.

I have saved on registration costs by becoming a student member of AACAP and agreeing to monitor (checking badges and tickets, helping speakers, etc) for the conference. Downstate's psychiatry department is unable to contribute any funding. I applied for the AACAP Life Members Mentorship Grants for Medical Students but was not chosen for the award. The Alumni Association has agreed to cover \$1,000 in flight and ground transportation costs, one day's food, and the cost of one night's hotel stay. It is the Alumni Association's policy to not cover poster printing fees and more than one night's stay at a hotel. I am thus asking MC to fund the printing costs for two posters plus 2 travel tubes to save on shipping costs. I am also asking MC to fund three nights' stay so I am able to attend all events I will monitor for, as well as medical student networking events.

^ Not including 70 towards food which is not a component of MC request

* Approved for full coverage by Alumni Association, requesting NO coverage from Med Council

Please check one box:

University Council Funding ONLY Med Council Funding ONLY Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: Downstate Urology Club

PRESIDENT: Lulu Wei VICE PRESIDENT: Blaine Russ

TELEPHONE: 8458916642 TREASURER: Susan Gong

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Start up fund	Events (e.g. food for Urology Club Social)		\$250	

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Event/Project Title:

Learn Serve Lead 2022: "AAMC Group on Women in Medicine and Science: Theme Advancing Women in Science and Medicine"- poster presentation funding for conference.

Date(s) of event/project: 11/09/22-11/13/202

Brief description of event/project:

I am going to present at the AAMC's Learn Serve Lead 2022 conference in the "AAMC Group on Women in Medicine and Science: Theme Advancing Women in Science and Medicine" presentation on Nov. 12. This submission was titled "Promoting Women in Orthopedic Surgery: Success from NYU's Summer Medical Student Externship 2020-2022". I submitted this poster with a NYU medical student and NYU orthopedic surgeon/assistant professor from an early exposure program I completed this past summer. I am already approved to travel to Nashville to present at the Generalist conference that Thursday and Friday, so **I am only requesting funding for the registration fee for the Learn Serve Lead 2022 Conference.** (Joydeep Baidya and I are going to present "How to Best to Teach Anatomy; A Design Thinking Approach to the Challenges of Anatomy Education" at The Generalists in Medical Education annual conference in Nashville, TN. We have received funding approval from the Alumni Association.)

Lead coordinator/planner: McKenzie Andrews email: carolyn.andrews@downstate.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project:

How many people do you expect to attend? 100s of professionals and students will be at The Generalists and Learn Serve Lead 2022 conference in Nashville, TN.

The event/project was advertised/pertains to the: (select all that apply)

College of Medicine Graduate School CHRP Entire Downstate Community

How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other: Med Ed mailing list

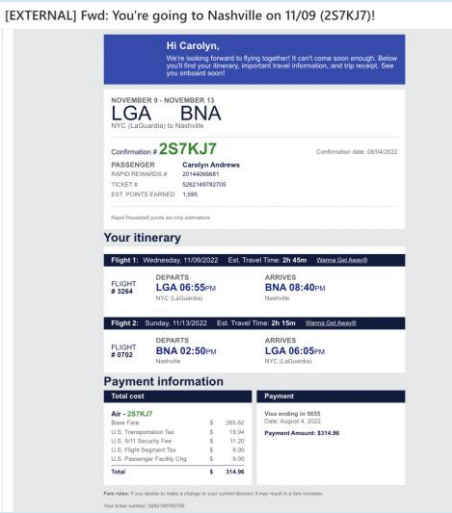
Has this event/project ever been done before? Yes No If yes, when (e.g. annually)?

Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

If answered YES to the previous question, please list the clubs/organizations and how they plan to contribute (if they are contributing money, indicate how much):

Itemized Budget:

Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
<p>The Generalist Conference Registration: \$200</p> 	\$200	Conference Registration: \$200

Flight to Nashville (x2)		Flight TN: \$314.96
Learn Serve Lead 2022 Conference Registration	\$500	Conference Registration: \$500

Total: \$500
 minus other funding: I have received funding for the flight and Generalist conference from the Alumni Association.
 Asking amount: \$500
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Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: \$500 (AAMC Learn Serve Lead Conference Registration) University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.): my family is providing housing

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of.

McKenzie’s family is based in Nashville, TN and can house/drive Joydeep and McKenzie as well as providing housing for them both. Additionally, MS4 Laureen Chan (Lon Yin Chan) is attending the med ed conference as well and her family can house her as well. Her family is providing free housing for three Downstate medical students during this conference.

Another MEP Opportunity to Submit Abstracts to the AAMC LSL Meeting

Show message history

From: gsalist@lists.aamc.org <gsalist@lists.aamc.org>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 5:42 PM
To: Dawn Froome <Dawn.Froome@downstate.edu>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [gsalist] AAMC Items of Interest - July 29, 2022

SE Shirley Eisner
To: Felix Rozenberg; Alexander Fang; Fredrick Birnbaum; Lakshay Khosla; Benjamin Krasnyanskiy; Armaan Shah; Rachel Corona; Isabella Dana; Adam Daniels +48 others Mon 8/1/2022 11:42 AM
Cc: Shirley Eisner

Now accepting poster submissions

The AAMC Group on Women in Medicine and Science (**GWIMS**) in collaboration with the Council of Deans (**COD**), Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (**CFAS**), and Group on Faculty Affairs (**GFA**) invites submissions for poster presentations at a joint reception during Learn Serve Lead 2022: The AAMC Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee on Nov. 12. Members of GWIMS, COD, CFAS and GFA are encouraged to submit abstracts that highlight initiatives, programs, or interventions in academic medicine and science that align with the theme "Advancing Women in Medicine and Science." Additional details are [available here](#). The deadline for submissions is **August 7 at 11:59 p.m. PT**. [Read More](#)

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Back to Inbox GWIMS Poster Submission Notification inbox x

gwims@aamc.org Aug 28, 2022, 7:11 PM (19 hours ago) ☆
to me, sagullar, r14571, Vinay, Aggarwal

Dear Carolyn "McKenzie" Andrews,

Your poster titled "Promoting Women in Orthopedic Surgery: Success from NYU's Summer Medical Student Externship 2020-22" has been accepted.

Please reply back to this email by Friday, September 7th to acknowledge receipt of this email which also serves as your affirmation to [register](#) and attend the meeting and joint poster reception scheduled for November 12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm CT, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Detailed instructions will be sent soon.

Best,

Eric Wilkerson
Director, Group on Women in Medicine and Science
Association of American Medical Colleges

Aggarwal, Vinay <Vinay.Aggarwal@nyulangone.org> 10:41 AM (3 hours ago) ☆
to gwims@aamc.org, me, sagullar@aamc.org, r14571@nyu.edu

Good job guys please confirm you are going to be accepting the submission and working on the poster.

THx

Vinay K. Aggarwal, MD
Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
Associate Fellowship Director Adult Reconstruction
Department of Orthopedic Surgery

Poster Title: Promoting Women in Orthopedic Surgery: Success from NYU’s Summer Medical Student Externship 2020-2022

Poster Author(s) and Co-author(s): McKenzie Andrews (medical student, SUNY Downstate), Rae Lan (medical student, NYU), Vinay K. Aggarwal MD (NYU)

Submitted this version (84 words):

Short Description:

The primary purpose of this project is to describe the planning, implementation, and execution of summer medical student externship program in orthopedic surgery for first-year medical students, with the specific goals of diversifying the field and providing opportunity, mentorship, and guidance for women and underrepresented minorities. We will describe a summer program at NYU's Orthopedic Department as a case study for supporting women and underrepresented minorities' exposure to orthopedic surgery, a pipeline of diversification within the field, and model for fostering medical student-attending mentorship.

Submitted this version (499 words):

Background:

Although women graduating medical school has dramatically increased over the last decades, orthopedic surgery continues to struggle in attracting women to the field. The percentage of women entering orthopedic residency persistently remains at 14% despite near equal ratios of women to men in medical school classes.

Early exposure pipeline programs such as the summer medical student externship program in orthopedic surgery (SMEPOS) can aid to shift these statistics. Traditionally, orthopedic surgery has consisted of a homogenous physician population with white males dominating the field for decades. Recent endeavors, including those by the NYU Orthopedics Department, have provided successful gateways for women and under-represented minorities to embark on careers in orthopedic surgery. The primary purpose of this project is to describe the planning, implementation, and execution of SMEPOS for first-year medical students, with the specific goals of diversifying the field and providing opportunity, mentorship, and guidance for women and underrepresented minorities.

Methods:

Students between their first and second years of medical school were enrolled in SMEPOS for a 6-8 week experience. All students were assigned a faculty preceptor who works as a practicing orthopedic surgeon. Barring restrictions from COVID-19, students were able to shadow their preceptor in the office and the operating room to provide early exposure to clinical orthopedics.

Students were required to attend weekly didactic sessions, including informal Q&A sessions with residents and faculty. In addition, orthopedic subspecialty presentations were given by faculty in lecture format. The research projects were not required to be completed at the end of the summer; however, all students gave a 5-minute slide presentation of their work during a culminating virtual summer research symposium attended by members of the orthopedic department. Additionally, the program reserves at least six program spots to "underrepresented in orthopedics" students and provides diversity scholarships for students who otherwise might not be able to participate in the program due to financial constraints.

Results and Outcomes:

There were a total of 91 students from 38 different medical schools around the country and world that took part in the program from 2020-2022. Of these, 46 students identified as female (50.5%). 64 students, including the women, identified as an underrepresented minority in orthopedic surgery (68%). Students attended a virtual Q&A panel focusing on barriers to women in orthopedics and were engaged to ask questions and participate with female and male members of the faculty regarding their viewpoints on the topic. There was

overall very high satisfaction with the program with the in-person operating room experience being rated the highest.

Conclusions/Implications:

SMEPOS can serve as a case study for other institutions and medical educators and students interested in a model for how to diversify orthopedics and other competitive specialties as well as serve as an early pipeline for medical students who may be interested in a program's residency.

Areas for Follow-Up/Additional Study:

Future follow ups could examine how this model could be implemented in public medical institutions and other private academic medical centers as well as tracking speciality matches of program alumni.

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Event/Project Title: WPATH Conference: 1. ASSESSMENT OF PATIENT-REPORTED UROLOGIC FUNCTION OUTCOMES POST VAGINOPLASTY; 2. Dramatic Quality of Life Improvement for Transgender Women following Vaginoplasty

Date(s) of event/project: 9/17/2022 - 9/19/2022

Brief description of event/project: The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) is hosting their annual conference in Montreal this year. I submitted two abstracts and both were accepted as oral presentations. It is important to me that I attend WPATH's conference to showcase my findings via an oral presentation. Both of my research projects focus on transgender women's perceptions of their outcomes after gender-affirming surgery. While transgender health is rapidly developing, it remains vastly understudied, which makes me passionate about sharing my data in a room full of other healthcare professionals.

Lead coordinator/planner: Lara Finnerty-Haggerty

email: lara.finnertyhaggerty@downstate.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project: N/A

How many people do you expect to attend? N/A

The event/project was advertised/pertains to the: (select all that apply)

- College of Medicine Graduate School CHRP Entire Downstate Community

How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other: N/A

Has this event/project ever been done before? Yes No If yes, when (e.g. annually)?

Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

If answered YES to the previous question, please list the clubs/organizations and how they plan to contribute (if they are contributing money, indicate how much): N/A

Itemized Budget:

<u>Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)</u>	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
WPATH Conference Ticket (student member rate)	715.00	715.00
WPATH Student membership	35.00	35.00
Flight (NYC to Montreal)	386.38	386.38
Checked bag (flight)	60.00	60.00
Hotel (1 night)	254.94	254.94
Food (3 days)	30.00/day	90.00

Total: \$ 1541.32
minus other funding: \$ 1000.00
Asking amount: \$ 541.32

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: \$541.32

University Council: 0

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.): \$1000.00 from Alumni Association

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of. I will be giving two separate oral presentations: one on September 17th and the other September 18th. I will be saving money on a hotel by staying with a friend 2 of the 3 nights I am in Montreal.

Please check one box:

University Council Funding ONLY Med Council Funding ONLY Other: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: DINE

PRESIDENT: Maissa Trabilsy VICE PRESIDENT: Grace Shadid

TELEPHONE: 2019214895 TREASURER: Francisco Andrade

PROJECT	ITEMIZED EXPENSES	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM UNIV COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MED COUNCIL	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM OTHER SOURCE (please specify)
Build Your Own: Overnight Oats	Old Fashioned/Rolled Oats—\$28.40 Wholemilk-- \$8.88 Soy Milk-- \$8.78 Almond Milk—\$6.58 Jars-- \$39 Bananas-- \$6.45 Strawberry--\$24.99 Grapes-- \$20.97 Cinnamon-- \$14.44 Chia Seeds-- \$22.66 Honey-- \$8.54 Total: \$189.69	\$47.42	142.27	
Intro Meeting	Food: 387.73 (20 x meals from “Bunna Café”)	\$96.93	\$290.80	

USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND CLEARLY. ILLEGIBLE REQUESTS WILL BE REJECTED.



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Event/Project Title: American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation 2022 Annual Conference Research Presentation

Date(s) of event/project: 10/19/2022 - 10/22/2022

Brief description of event/project: Presentation of published research at AAPMR annual conference

Lead coordinator/planner: Elver Ho email: elver.ho@downstate.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project: n/a

How many people do you expect to attend? Hundreds to the conference. 4-5 from Downstate

The event/project was advertised/pertains to the: (select all that apply)

College of Medicine Graduate School CHRP Entire Downstate Community

How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other: Independent Project

Has this event/project ever been done before? Yes No If yes, when (e.g. annually)? Annually, the conference meets

Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

If answered YES to the previous question, please list the clubs/organizations and how they plan to contribute (if they are contributing money, indicate how much):

Itemized Budget:

<u>Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)</u>	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
Hotel	\$400	<i>\$400</i>
Amtrak Tickets	\$56 (To and From Total)	<i>\$56</i>
Registration Fee	\$200	<i>\$200</i>

Total: \$656

minus other funding:

Asking amount:

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: \$656 University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.):

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal! I have been funded previously by Med Council. For the 2022 year, I had already maxed out my 2 limit funding from the Alumni Association.

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Event/Project Title: Abstract Presentation at Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) Conference 2022.

Troubleshooting the Bypass: Intraoperative Management of Initially Failed Anastomosis in Cerebral Extracranial – Intracranial Direct Revascularization Surgery

Date(s) of event/project: October 9-12

Brief description of event/project: Attending prestigious neurosurgery academic conference where an abstract I helped author will be presented, and I will be attending more seminars geared towards medical students interested in neurosurgery.

Lead coordinator/planner: Omer Doron, MD

email: omerdoronmd@gmail.com

List other student(s) working on the event/project: non-downstate students

How many people do you expect to attend? 1

The event/project was advertised/pertains to the: (select all that apply)

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How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other:

Has this event/project ever been done before? Yes No If yes, when (e.g. annually)?

Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

If answered YES to the previous question, please list the clubs/organizations and how they plan to contribute (if they are contributing money, indicate how much):

Itemized Budget:

<u>Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)</u>	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
Hotel 3 nights		\$695
Round Trip Flight		\$500
Registration		\$475.00
Local Subway		\$30.00

Total: 1,700
minus other funding: 1,000
Asking amount: 700

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: 700

University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.): I am hoping to get the alumni association grant, but will not know the results for a few days from today.

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of.

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Event/Project Title: "Temporal Trends In Successful Pain Management Treatment Appeals In California, 2001-2021"

Date(s) of event/project: 10/21/2022-10/25/2022

Brief description of event/project: ANESTHESIOLOGY 2022 - American Society of Anesthesiologists' Annual Meeting

Lead coordinator/planner: Lulu Wei email: lulu.wei@downstate.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project: Adem Idrizi, Ahmad Thneibat, Ryan Kong

How many people do you expect to attend? at least 6 other Downstate students - and thousands of others affiliated with the American Society of Anesthesiologists

The event/project was advertised/pertains to the: (select all that apply)

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How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other:

Has this event/project ever been done before? Yes No If yes, when (e.g. annually)?

Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

If answered YES to the previous question, please list the clubs/organizations and how they plan to contribute (if they are contributing money, indicate how much):

Itemized Budget:

Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
Poster printing	114	114
Travel tube	5	5
Hotel stay x2 nights	297/night + tax + fees	696.22
Flights*	418, 419	837
Public transportation	8, 5.50	13.50
Conference registration	55	55

Total: 1720.72
minus other funding: 418
Asking amount: 1302.72

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council: 1302.72

University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.): \$418 from Alumni Association*

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of.

I have been accepted to present an original research project as a featured abstract at ANES2022. I am also a co-author of another project that will be presented.

I have saved on registration costs by registering early as a medical student. Downstate's anesthesia department is unable to contribute any funding. The conference does not have funding opportunities for students to apply to. The Alumni Association has agreed to cover one flight (\$418) but nothing beyond that because I have received funding for another project. I am asking for MC to fund two nights' stay because most of the medical student events take place over 2 days and nights.

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Event/Project Title: AAPM&R 2022 Annual Assembly

Date(s) of event/project: October 20-23, 2022

Brief description of event/project: One of the two biggest PM&R conferences in the U.S.A.

Lead coordinator/planner: Lon Yin Chan

email: lonyin.chan@downstate.edu

List other student(s) working on the event/project:

How many people do you expect to attend?

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How was the event/project advertised?

Email Class Announcement(s) Other:

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Are there any clubs/organizations co-sponsoring this event/project? Yes No

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Itemized Budget:

<u>Items (e.g. food, supplies, etc.)</u>	Cost per item	Total Cost (for each line)
Travel (Amtrak roundtrip)	\$60	\$60
AAPM&R Student Early Bird Registration	\$125	\$125
Lodging (4 nights)	\$315	\$315

Total: \$500
minus other funding: 0
Asking amount: \$500

Funding Request:

Amount from Med Council:

University Council:

Amount from other resources (i.e. grants, department donations, etc.): 0

Please include any additional information that you believe Med Council should be aware of. My abstract was accepted for presentation "TIDieR reporting of Motor Stroke Rehabilitation: Assessing the quality of interventional Reporting." The Alumni Association has said in an email that they will only fund one conference per semester, and they have already approved funding of greater amount for another conference (in a different field -- medical education) for the Fall.