



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NERA MEDPREP PROGRAM:

1. What is the NERA MedPrep Scholars Program?

The Northeast Regional Alliance (NERA) MedPrep Scholars Program is a partnership between Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS), Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai's Center for Multicultural and Community Affairs, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine, and the Manhattan-Staten Island Area Health Education Center.

The Program uniquely builds on the collective expertise of four outstanding institutions to expand health careers preparation. Ultimately, we expect that our scholars will have the humanism, professionalism and interpersonal skills required of a future physician caring for a diverse population.

2. How long is the program?

The program is a six-week summer enrichment program that last 3 summers beginning in June annually.

3. Do I have to complete all three years?

Yes. Scholars selected for this highly competitive program will be expected to complete MedPrep 1, 2, and 3.

4. Will I receive college credit for the MedPrep program?

No. Upon completion of the 3 Levels, a composite letter of recommendation will be sent to your undergraduate institution, school, or program of interest.

5. Can anyone apply to the program?

The NERA MedPrep Scholars Program is designed to expand health career preparation for underrepresented and disadvantaged students from junior high school through medical school with the goal of increasing competitiveness for medical school. See the eligibility requirements to determine if you can apply.

6. How much does the program cost?

The MedPrep Scholars program is free. Accepted Scholars will receive a stipend which can be used for meals, books, and transportation.

7. Is there an application fee?

No. There is no fee needed to apply to the MedPrep Scholars Program.

8. What are the criteria needed to be considered for the program?

To be eligible for the NERA MEDPREP Program, an applicant must

- be a resident of New Jersey or New York and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- be a college freshman or sophomore;
- have a minimum GPA of 2.5, or equivalent academic credentials

9. How do I know which school to apply to: NJMS or Columbia University Medical Center or Hofstra LIJ Medical School?

Residents of New Jersey can only apply to the NJMS Program and New York Area residents apply (five boroughs of NYC) to the Columbia or Hofstra Program.

10. What is the deadline to apply to the program & when will I be notified of the Committee's decision?

- The application deadline is March 1, 2017. Students will be notified on/before May 1, 2017.
- Students are admitted on a rolling basis.

11. Can I dorm at NJMS or Columbia during the duration of the program?

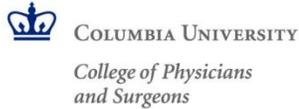
No. Accepted Scholars will have to commute to either NJMS in Newark or Columbia University in Upper Manhattan, or Hofstra University in Long Island.

12. If I'm accepted to the program, do I need health insurance?

Yes. Students must also provide proof of health insurance once admitted to the program.

13. How can I get more information on the NERA MedPrep Program?

Email us at nera-ps@columbia.edu or for further information on the program (s), please contact:



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