

Visiting Student Inclusive Excellence Scholarship

Application Deadline: March 13, 2026

The Sidney Kimmel Medical College has built an unparalleled reputation for reimagining the way we educate tomorrow's healthcare leaders.

The Visiting Student Inclusive Excellence Scholarship supports 4th year medical students from other medical colleges who wish to complete a psychiatry elective within Jefferson's Department of Psychiatry.

We acknowledge the importance of a diverse community and inclusive environment and encourage fourth-year medical students to apply to explore an interest in psychiatry.

Program Description

The Visiting Student will function as a Sub-Intern and spend 4 weeks on the Adult Inpatient Psychiatry Unit at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. Broad exposure to serious psychiatric disorders is provided. The inpatient service also has beds dedicated to medical/surgical patients with prominent psychiatric co-morbidity. The sub-intern will have primary responsibility for their patients. The unit embraces the entire bio-psychosocial model as well as the multidisciplinary treatment team approach. The student will participate in a weekly faculty-led patient interview and case conference. The student will thereby enhance their diagnostic and treatment skills as well as their abilities to assume a leadership role. The student will be supervised by attending psychiatrists, residents, and treatment team members through direct observation of interactions with patients and families, assessment of sophistication of chart entries, and competence obtaining and presenting patient histories, formulating cases, and carrying out basic treatment planning.

Rotation Dates (participating medical students must rotate during one these dates)

08/03/2026 - 08/30/2026

08/31/2026 - 09/27/2026

09/28/2026 - 10/25/2026

10/26/2026 - 11/22/2026

11/23/2026 - 12/20/2026

Participating medical students will receive:

- \$1,000 stipend for all students. Up to \$1,000 additional reimbursement for travel/housing upon successful completion of the elective.
- Faculty and resident mentorship
- Opportunities to interact with residents/fellows and faculty in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior
- Exposure to educational activities including Psychiatry Grand Rounds and weekly psychiatry residency didactics.

Who Should Apply

All eligible students are encouraged to apply, including students who are underrepresented in medicine (as defined by AAMC and/or HRSA).

Applicants must be a fourth year medical student in good academic standing at an LCME accredited medical school, and have completed all required core clerkships.

Application Process

To apply, submit the following in one PDF document to Jaynie.Estrada@Jefferson.edu, Medical Education Manager.

1. Current curriculum vitae (CV)
2. Current photo
3. Essay - Please share the values and life experiences that inform your commitment to inclusive excellence in our healthcare workforce. (no more than 800 words)
4. Brief letter of support from a psychiatry faculty member

If accepted, you must submit a formal visiting clerkship application on VSAS and have all institutional requirements met.

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Office of Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives (ODII) at Sidney Kimmel Medical College supports an institutional framework that acknowledges the importance of a diverse community and an inclusive environment. ODII promotes initiatives and programs that increase awareness, understanding and sensitivity to the needs of all individuals regardless of age, class, physical ability, gender, gender identity, race, religion and sexual orientation.