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Greetings from the Office of Education Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion!

We are excited to announce the Native American Pathways Program for Summer 2021, to be held July 12 – Aug 6.

Please help us to reach as many learners as possible by sharing this opportunity broadly.

A group of 15 undergraduate students will be competitively selected for the 2021 Cohort. Selected learners will assemble via zoom for specialized sessions to prepare them for health careers, including Q&A sessions with subject matter experts, participate in additional cohort-building activities, and be granted access to a 1 year self-paced online MCAT prep course. The application allows for opting in/out of the cohort and general sessions.

I have attached the flyer for the program and have added the link to the application and a brief description below:

### **Native American Summer Pathways Program**

As part of Mayo Clinic's continued focus on reconciliation and building relationships with American Indian / Alaska Native communities, we are offering a 4-week summer program intended to aid undergraduate students in preparation for health careers. Guided by a team of faculty and staff, workshops and sessions will focus on developing skills and strategies for the medical school admissions process.

A cohort of 15 students will be competitively selected from the applicants and will assemble for related Q&A sessions with subject matter experts, participate in additional cohort-building activities, and be granted access to self-paced online MCAT Prep. All other applicants will have access to regular webinars.

Given the challenges and advantages of distance delivery, program content for this Pilot Cohort will be dynamic and shaped by student feedback.

#### Pilot Cohort Program Highlights

- MCAT Strategy & Prep, with individual coaching session, 1 year online self-paced course
- Personal Statement Writing Workshop
- Mock Interviews
- Community informed clinical simulation activities and disparities case studies
- Discussion panels with medical students, residents, attending physicians, and scientists
- Exploration of ongoing Bioethics and Community-Engaged projects
- Culturally based team building exercises
- Mentoring and continued learning and engagement during the 2021-2022 academic year

**Eligibility** Undergraduate students, age 18+, in STEM fields are eligible. Preference will be given to students interested in MD, OD, and MD/PhD programs. Applicants must be an American

Indian/Alaska Native person, having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) – OR - anyone who has demonstrated commitment to American Indian/Alaska Native communities - who ALSO maintains tribal affiliation or community involvement.

Selection will be competitive and reviewer rankings will be informed especially by essay question responses.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The application cannot be saved and needs to be completed in one session.

Please be prepared to answer the following 3 essay questions:

(1) Please define your area(s) of academic and professional interest. Please explain what sparked those interests.

(2) Please share your strengths, life experiences, and/or qualities that make you uniquely qualified for this opportunity.

(3) Please describe what you plan to learn in this program and how you will apply it to your studies, professional endeavors, and/or community. In addition to this form, you will be asked to submit an unofficial transcript and a letter of recommendation - ones written for other opportunities are completely acceptable.

### **Spirit of EAGLES is now part of the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science.**

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science is comprised of five professional schools and numerous academic support units and functions dedicated to the education and training of future leaders and life-long learners in the latest advances of medicine and biomedical science. Across this continuum, education at Mayo Clinic centers on the shared belief that the needs of the patient come first.

**MISSION:** To educate and inspire a diverse workforce of health care providers, physicians and scientists through excellence in medical education, research and clinical care; to alleviate human suffering by providing compassionate and culturally sensitive care; to enhance the biomedical sciences through discovery and innovation; and to advance the national health care system through population science and leadership.

Please find the link to the application for NAPP 2021

here: [https://surveys.mayoclinic.org/jfe/form/SV\\_3t0UpCxHGCqQHWe](https://surveys.mayoclinic.org/jfe/form/SV_3t0UpCxHGCqQHWe)

Applications will be accepted **until the class is full**.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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