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**PEDIATRICS**
Medical students interested in participating in research and gaining exposure to clinical aspects of the practice of pediatric medicine may be interested in this opportunity.

**SURGERY**
The Surgery Scholars Program allows students to initiate concentrated studies in specific areas of surgery. Both clinical and research experience can be acquired.

**MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM**
This program gives students exposure to the broad variety of investigation ongoing at UMMC. The Medical Student Research Program is designed to develop the future generation of academic physicians. There is also a Canvas site to help students identify research opportunities.

**MSRP SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**
Research is an important element of a well-rounded medical education and a wide range of experiences exist.

The following fellowships fund summer research opportunities:

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**
The Internal Medicine Scholars Observership is a summer opportunity for students between their first and second years of medical school. Students spend two weeks rotating in Internal Medicine clinics and two weeks rotating on the Internal Medicine hospital service. The month-long observership gives an opportunity for mentoring and exposure to scholarship activities.

**CAREER PORTFOLIO CHECKLIST**
Begin collecting the following for your career portfolio:

- Certifications
- Academic Accomplishments
- Employment History
- Volunteer Work History
- Leadership Roles
- Research Accomplishments
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Schedule My Mock Interview
We wish you success on your journey!

WELCOME!
We are excited to have you join the University of Mississippi School of Medicine (SOM) community! As your journey to become a physician continues, the Office of Medical Education wants to provide you with this written information to help guide you. We have a system of career advising and all of the resources available are included in this brochure. We wish you success on your journey and support you in all dimensions of your life here.

CAREERS IN MEDICINE® BY THE AAMC
Choosing a medical specialty is one of the most significant decisions that students make. With increasing competition for residency positions, it's critical that students make decisions strategically. Students in the SOM receive free access to the AAMC Careers in Medicine (CiM) Program. CiM helps students assess individual interests, values, personality, and skills that contribute to the choice of a specialty that best fits. It also presents an opportunity to learn details about specialties such as salary and lifestyle, prerequisites and length of training, competitiveness data, and types of patients and procedures. All students are encouraged to actively participate in the program.

HOUSE PROGRAM
All students are now assigned a House and a clinical mentor to help navigate the first two years. The current houses are Turner, Shirley, Evers, Marston, Currier, Guyton, Pancratz, and Leathers. With these groups we hope to remind students of the ultimate goal of being a great clinician, even while studying the foundational sciences and to provide ready-made groups for students to identify with early in this educational process.

CAREER COUNSELING
The SOM Office of Medical Education offers both individual and group career counseling opportunities to medical students throughout the usual four years of study. These opportunities allow students to pursue individual academic interests and ensure that students are adequately prepared to enter the specialty of their choice. The journey begins on day one and continues to Match Day.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERIES
During each academic year, the SOM Office of Medical Education plans and coordinates a weekly career development series. The series, held on Thursdays during the noon hour, is focused on first- and second-year students but open to all students. Clinical, academic and research career opportunities are presented. Residents, fellows and faculty are available for questions. Topics include wellness and academic support as well as specialty specific presentations by key faculty such as program directors.

RESIDENCY FAIR
The SOM Office of Medical Education, in collaboration with the Office for Graduate Medical Education, sponsors a fall residency fair which is open to all medical students. All residency programs have an opportunity to exhibit. Those faculty, staff and residents involved in the residency programs are able to interact with students and students have the unique opportunity to learn more about specific programs on campus and corroborate specialty information from the career development series with local experts.

MSPE and future career goals. The students' interests and vocation, the strengths and weaknesses of their application, the competitiveness of their specialty choice, and other factors that might influence application and matching strategy are all discussed in these meetings. Students may schedule as many meetings as needed in order to feel comfortable with their specialty choice and individual career plan.

CLASS MEETINGS
The vice dean for medical education communicates with medical students at established class meetings and shares information related to curriculum content and career choices. During the first year, these topics are addressed with students during orientation and at the dean’s breakfasts. Second-year students hear from the deans about clerkships and electives at their M2 class meeting in February. During the third year, at the M3 class meeting, medical students discuss with deans and others the components of the fourth year and requirements for graduation such as required courses, elective courses and opportunities for extramural blocks. The process of residency application and matching is also discussed. Fourth-year students have their final class meeting at the beginning of the spring semester to discuss the matching process.

ROAD TO MATCH WITH MOCK INTERVIEWS
At the end of the third year and beginning of the fourth year, the SOM Office of Medical Education hosts an informative multi-session program on the different aspects of the residency application and Match system. There are 5 informative sessions total and a series of mock interviews. The topics include: Overview of the Match/ERAS Application System, Letter of Recommendations/Personal Statement, Curriculum Vitae, Program Directors’ Perspective, and Interviewing.

M4 CANVAS ADVISING COURSE
This is an M4 course all rising M3’s are enrolled in prior to the M4 year to help navigate the fourth year decision making. On this site students will find suggestions for electives to take by specialty, extramural evaluations by past students, possible faculty mentors by specialty and much more.

M4 BOOT CAMP
This career advising experience is required in our curriculum during the spring of the senior year. The course provides a multidisciplinary, integrated approach to allow the student to experience a smooth transition into residency training. Each student will be required to attend sessions related to general