

**Bridging Gaps Scholarship
Visiting Elective Stipend Program for Students
2025-2026 Academic Year**

Program Description:

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine welcomes visiting students who are active learners who will ask questions not only about patients, science, and health policy but also about themselves. This visiting elective stipend program seeks to support any student interested in a visiting clerkship rotation who is financially disadvantaged and interested in community health advancement.

We are providing stipends of up to \$1,000 (for students rotating at NMH and Shirley Ryan) or up to \$2,000 (for students rotating at LCH) to qualified students to help defray the cost of an away rotation.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as budget permits.

Eligibility Requirements:

Prospective students for the Visiting Elective Program:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Must be approved for any AAMC Fee Assistance Program (MCAT, ERAS, or AMCAS)
- Must be pursuing a medical degree at an LCME- or AOA-accredited medical school
- Must be in their final year of medical school
- Must be in good standing at their medical school
- Must have completed all core clerkships in Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Surgery
- Must apply to rotate up to and including Block 20. Block 21 students may be considered pending available funds. Block 22 and all blocks afterward are not eligible for the stipend.

Application information:

Complete the application on the next page. Attach additional pages for the essay questions if necessary.

All required visiting student application materials must be submitted via VSLO in addition to this application. This application must be complete and uploaded to VSLO before you submit your VSLO application. **We are unable to consider supplemental applications received after you are notified of an acceptance to an elective.**

Students applying are encouraged to apply no less than three months in advance to assure adequate processing time for the supplemental application. Please refer to the Visiting student website for further information: <http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/md-education/visiting-students/index.html>.

Acceptance:

Acceptance to the Visiting Elective Program is contingent upon acceptance to the Visiting Student Program. We begin reviewing the supplemental applications after a rotation offer is made, and students will be emailed their application decision within 4 weeks. Additional questions should be directed to visitingstudents@northwestern.edu.

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Last name: _____ First name: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Medical School: _____ Expected grad. date: _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Country of citizenship: _____

What city/state do you call home? _____

Specialty interest: _____ How did you hear about the program? _____

Have you attended any Northwestern affiliated event(s)? If so, what/where? _____

Please briefly describe why you want to rotate at Northwestern:

Please attach confirmation of your AAMC Fee Assistance Program status. Optional paragraph to describe personal financial hardship.

How will your participation in this program enhance your professional interests and further your career goals?

Please describe your interest and motivation in community health advancement.

My participation in this program is dependent upon receipt of a stipend: Yes No

Signed: _____ Date: _____