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Rural and Urban Scholars in Community Health

Dedicated to enriching the experience of UWM pre-medical students who are interested in practicing medicine in Wisconsin’s rural and urban communities

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Related Information
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Pre-Medical Program
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University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
www.med.wisc.edu/education

Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH)
www.med.wisc.edu/triumph

Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM)
www.med.wisc.edu/education/warm

Aspiring Docs.Org
www.aamc.org/diversity/aspiringdocs

Wisconsin Office of Rural Health
www.worh.org

Milwaukee Area Health Education Center
www.milahec.org

Center for Urban Population Health
www.cuph.org
Introduction

What is RUSCH?

Rural and Urban Scholars in Community Health (RUSCH), a collaborative program offered at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (UWM), recruits pre-medical undergraduate students from Wisconsin who hope to attend medical school at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and plan to practice medicine in the state’s medically underserved rural or urban communities. Students from diverse and/or disadvantaged geographic, socio-economic or educational backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

How does RUSCH work?

UWM pre-medical students admitted to the RUSCH program are provided:

- Community health internships
- Career mentoring
- Research opportunities
- Academic support

Completion of the RUSCH program strengthens application to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and its special training programs: TRIUMPH (Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health) and WARM (Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine).

Why was RUSCH created?

There is a statewide and national shortage of physicians who practice medicine in underserved rural and urban areas, and the demand for doctors in these locations is very high. RUSCH addresses this critical health care need in the State of Wisconsin.

RUSCH Program Structure

The Rural and Urban Scholars in Community Health program consists of:

- Two years of academic enrichment programming in a seminar format. College credit is earned for completing the seminars.
- An eight-week Community Health Internship in Public Health during the first summer. A cash stipend is provided.
- An eight-week research experience on the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health campus during the second summer. A cash stipend, housing and meals are provided.

How to apply to the RUSCH Program?

To be eligible for the RUSCH program, students must:

- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident AND a State of Wisconsin resident.
- Be admitted to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Have at least college sophomore standing AND have completed specific prerequisite science classes with a preferred Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher.
- Complete the RUSCH application, which includes essays and letters of recommendation, and an interview.

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