2017 RUSCH Program Application
Information for Students

Application portal will open November 1, 2016

Application Deadline:  Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 11:59 pm

The Rural and Urban Scholars in Community Health (RUSCH) Program is a partnership of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and UW- Milwaukee, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, and Spelman College. RUSCH is a two- year pipeline program designed for pre-health students who aspire to practice medicine in Wisconsin’s rural or urban health professional shortage areas. Participation in the RUSCH program is intended to strengthen a student’s preparation for application to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and its rural or urban training tracks --WARM (Wisconsin Academy of Rural Medicine) or TRIUMPH (Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health). Underrepresented or disadvantaged students are encouraged to apply. The program will consider Native American applicants from colleges and universities in Wisconsin and surrounding states.

Qualifications for consideration for RUSCH
• US citizen or permanent resident
• Enrolled undergraduate student at UW-Milwaukee, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, or Spelman College with at least sophomore standing and two years remaining before graduation
• Desire to become a physician addressing health care needs in a medically underserved area
• Demonstrated commitment to community service
• Completion of introductory courses in English, math, and science specific to each campus, with a minimum grade of “B” in each course at the time of application.
• Minimum science and overall GPA of 3.0
• Available to participate in the 2017 summer program in Madison, May 30-July 21, 2017
• Available to participate in the 2018 summer community health internship in Wisconsin communities

How to Apply
Applicants should establish an account at https://medwisc.fluidreview.com, and select the RUSCH program application. Submit the following:
• Applicant information (completed online)
• Resume or CV. Include all employment, leadership, and service activities since high school.
• Written responses to three essay questions (maximum one page single spaced per essay):
  1. Discuss the experiences that have inspired you to seek admission to medical school and pursue a career in medicine.
  2. In Wisconsin there are growing health disparities and inequities, especially for rural and urban underserved populations. What community or population do you envision serving in the future? What health-related issue(s) do you find most important to address?
  3. Describe an area of medical research or public health that you would be interested in exploring during your RUSCH experience.
• Undergraduate school transcript(s) (does not need to be an official copy)
• Names of two references (academic and personal) who will provide letters of recommendation.

Please see the application portal for more detailed information about the application. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Selected applicants will be invited to participate in an interview in February. Acceptance decisions will be made by March 1.

More Information and Questions
Please talk with your campus advisor or email the RUSCH Program Director, Keri Robbins, at rusch@med.wisc.edu. Thank you for your interest in the RUSCH program!