



# Harvard Medical School Visiting Clerkship Program

Sponsored by the Minority Faculty Development Program of the Harvard Medical School Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership, the Visiting Clerkship Program (VCP) provides support for fourth-year and qualified third-year medical students, particularly individuals from groups underrepresented in medicine and/or disadvantaged individuals, to participate in the HMS Exchange Clerkship Program at a Harvard-affiliated hospital.

## Benefits

- ◆ **Financial:** \$2,500 stipend
- ◆ **Mentorship and Networking** with faculty and residents across the Harvard-affiliate hospitals
- ◆ **Over 200 options** across the specialties, along with combined programs that provide students with experience at more than one Harvard-affiliate hospital during a single rotation

## Eligibility

- ◆ Identify as being from a group that is underrepresented in medicine or come from a disadvantaged background
- ◆ Be a full-time 3rd or 4th year student in good standing at an LCME- or COCA - accredited medical school
- ◆ Completed core clerkships in medicine, surgery, pediatrics, and obstetrics prior to the start of the rotation
- ◆ Completed USMLE or COMLEX Step 1 prior to the start of the rotation
- ◆ US citizen or permanent resident

## Application Process

- ◆ Apply to your preferred clerkship through the VSLO application service
- ◆ Complete the online VCP application: [bit.ly/3vGu7oH](https://bit.ly/3vGu7oH)
- ◆ Secure a letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can speak to your skills in a clinical setting

## Options and Scheduling

Clerkship options are listed in the [Harvard ExClerk Catalog \(bit.ly/3P140h3\)](https://bit.ly/3P140h3). **While rotations are available year-round, the Visiting Clerkship Program is only offered May through November.** Students are welcome to complete additional clerkships, but the VCP cannot provide financial or programmatic support for those extra months.

Note that spots within the VCP are limited and some applicants may be placed in a clerkship by the HMS registrar but not be accepted into the VCP. In those cases, the applicant may still participate in their placed clerkship, but will not be able to participate in the VCP program.

## Dates and Deadlines

The deadlines for VCP are the same as for VSLO, which are *no less than 3 months prior* to the clerkship start date. However, we may continue to consider completed applications for VCP up until three weeks prior to the start of the clerkship rotation, *provided that space remains in the program.*

The dates and deadlines for each elective course are posted on the [HMS Registrar's Exchange Clerkship page \(bit.ly/3aGb83t\)](https://bit.ly/3aGb83t), as well as on the VCP website ([bit.ly/47rz1Nc](https://bit.ly/47rz1Nc)).

## Participating Hospitals

Participants in the Visiting Clerkship Program will be scheduled for clerkships at one of the Harvard-affiliated teaching hospitals:

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  
 Boston Children's Hospital  
 Brigham and Women's Hospital  
 Cambridge Health Alliance

Dana Farber Cancer Institute  
 Joslin Diabetes Center  
 Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary  
 Massachusetts General Hospital

McLean Hospital  
 Mt. Auburn Hospital  
 Spaulding Rehab Hospital  
 VA Medical Center