

Casey Advancement of Diversity and Inclusion in Ophthalmology (CADIO)

Statement of Interest for Underrepresented Undergraduate Observership in Ophthalmology

Program Description: Applicants for the Underrepresented Undergraduate Observership in Ophthalmology will have demonstrated interest in the medical field as a career. Students will participate in direct observation and shadowing as a means of exploring potential careers in eye care and gaining experience in the clinical setting. They will also receive professional networking and mentorship to help them pursue careers in medicine. This experience is focused on persons underrepresented in medicine and biomedical sciences/research.

Name:

Email:

Date of Application:

We would like to get to know you. Please answer the following questions.

We are committed to increasing the diversity in eye care services by inclusion of persons who are underrepresented in medicine and biomedical sciences. In alignment with the OHSU School of Medicine, this includes (also see: [The SOM's Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion | OHSU](#)):

- Persons from racial or ethnic groups that are under-represented in medicine and biomedical research: Black or African American, Latino or Hispanic (originating from Mexico, Central or South America, or Caribbean cultures), American Indian/Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.
- Persons from rural environments, defined as the majority of childhood years in a frontier environment or rural town as defined by the Oregon Office of Rural Health (i.e., a town of less than or equal to 40,000 population and at least 10 miles from a community of that size or larger).
- Persons who have experienced significant disadvantage or adversity (i.e., first generation college graduate, recipient of social service resources while in elementary or secondary school, enhanced education or other programs for diverse populations, or by experience of economic, educational, cultural, or family adversity).
- Persons who identify as LGBTQIA+.

1. Do you identify as a member of an underrepresented group as defined above?

Yes

No

If you selected Yes, please describe the nature of your underrepresented status:

2. Which careers in eye care are you interested in learning more about? (please check):
- a. ___ Ophthalmologist (MD/DO eye physician and surgeon; 4 years of college, 4 years of medical school, 4 years of residency training; possible additional fellowship training of 1-2 years).
 - b. ___ Optometrist (OD eye doctor focused on vision care; 4 years of college, 4 years of optometry school).
 - c. ___ Orthoptist (Allied health professional specialized in binocular vision and eye movements, especially in children; 2 year post-undergraduate training and certification).
 - d. ___ Ophthalmic technician
 - e. ___ Ophthalmic photographer/ultrasonographer
 - f. ___ Front desk management/scheduling

3. Do you have prior experience in healthcare? If so, please tell us about it. There is no requirement for prior experience for this observership.

4. What do you hope to gain from this experience? Are there particular skills/goals you hope to accomplish?