PLME Enrichment Opportunities - 2018

For more information, visit the Enrichment Activities page at
https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/plme/current-students/enrichment-activities

Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP)
https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/plme/senate/chap

The Community Health Advocacy Program, involving Brown University undergraduates and PLME students, works cooperatively with various groups in the Greater Providence community to help ensure that all individuals have access to health care information and social services. Our teams provide health education and useful resources to children and students in after-school programs, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other community organizations while representing a wide range of cultures and backgrounds.

Biology Undergraduate Education
http://www.brown.edu/academics/biology/undergraduate-education/

Brown University’s program in Undergraduate Biology arms students with the knowledge, skills, and collaborative spirit required to tackle some of society’s more pressing issues – from disease prevention to preserving Earth’s natural heritage. Undergraduates in the Biological Sciences can choose from more than nine concentrations. Biology students take courses and pursue research with faculty spanning six departments within the Division of Biology and Medicine. Partnerships with departments outside of the Division support cross-disciplinary concentrations - Applied Mathematics Biology, Computational Biology, Biochemistry, Biophysics and Biomedical Engineering. The program in Biology strives to place students in the role of the scientist. A growing number of first year and sophomore seminars, lab-based, and field courses in Biology allow students to engage with learning material in innovative ways that promote independent thinking. More than half of Biology students pursue independent research. Over one-third complete a senior thesis and graduate with honors. Many of our students study abroad, pursue internships off campus, and work with clinical faculty in the Alpert Medical School and affiliated hospitals. Dean Smith and the Academic Advisors in the Office of Biology Undergraduate Education are available weekly to advise and assist students in all of the Biology concentrations – from undeclared first year students to seniors working on research theses.
Your arrival on Brown’s campus is the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Brown. If a Brown grad interviewed you after you applied to Brown, then you already know that Brown alumni stay involved and in touch after graduation. Alumni can also enrich your undergraduate and medical school experience in many ways, including connecting you with internships, funding and alumni through BrownConnect, alumni talks and the alumni events calendar.

The Brown Medical Alumni Association (BMAA) connects medical alumni to Brown’s medical school, the University, and the extended medical community. Membership is extended to graduates of Brown’s medical school, graduates of Brown University who hold degrees from other medical schools, faculty members and house staff officers of the medical school. It promotes awareness of the Medical School and the accomplishments of its alumni, connects directly with medical students in an effort to serve, represents alumni interests to the administration of the School and of Brown University, and participates in fundraising initiatives that further Alpert Medical School's mission.

Center for Careers and Life after Brown (CareerLAB)
http://www.brown.edu/careerlab

All Brown students, including those in the PLME program, are encouraged to extend their learning beyond the classroom through research positions, internships, and/or jobs on or off campus. CareerLAB has the staff and resources you will need to find these opportunities and to help you pursue them. Through CareerLAB you can meet by appointment with a Career Counselor to develop your individual plan, get help with developing a professional resume and cover letter, and preparing for an interview, search hundreds of internship and research opportunities, and much more.

Clinica Esperanza
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Clinica Esperanza provides free, high quality medical care to uninsured adults living in Rhode Island. Their clinic in Providence offers culturally sensitive, personalized care. All Clinica Esperanza’s care is provided by volunteers, leveraging the altruism of 50+ medical volunteers and partnering with medical schools, hospitals and community organizations, including the PLME.
Diversity and Multicultural Affairs (ODMA)
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It is the mission of the ODMA to help create and foster a diverse, inclusive and culturally competent learning and training environment for students, faculty and trainees within the Division of Biology and Medicine including The Warren Alpert Medical School and the Program in Biology.

Global Health Initiative (GHI)
http://brown.edu/initiatives/global-health/

The Global Health Initiative (GHI), established in September 2009, is a multidisciplinary university-wide effort to reduce health inequalities among underserved populations locally and worldwide through education, research, service and development of partnerships. In order to address the fundamentally interrelated problems of health and development, the GHI works to: coordinate all global health-related activities at Brown University; facilitate collaboration among faculty members, students, and international partners; lead efforts in multidisciplinary translational research, education and clinical program/projects; develop and enhance partnerships with institutions in the world's developing nations; support scholarships, direct grants, and monitor major funding opportunities outside Brown; host forums for speakers and research conferences; organize and disseminate information; and encourage innovation.

Interdisciplinary Framework in Global Health Scholarship Program
http://brown.edu/initiatives/global-health/framework-global-health-program

The Interdisciplinary Framework in Global Health Scholarship is a twice-yearly opportunity (November and February) for students to secure funding for a summer global health project, as well as to engage in a structured program in support of students’ global health experiences. Successful applicants receive funding to support global health research, service, and advocacy activities directly linked to Brown University faculty scholarly projects. Undergraduate students, medical students, residents, fellows, and MPH and PhD graduate students are eligible to apply. Global Health Scholars work on global health issues at foreign sites for a minimum of 8 weeks.

Institute at Brown for Environment and Safety (IBES)
http://www.brown.edu/environment

The Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES) supports education and research to understand the interactions between natural, human and social systems. Our teaching programs prepare future leaders for lives and careers that demand a thorough understanding of human interactions with the natural and built environment, to contribute in major ways to the solutions of significant environmental problems, to provide services to governmental and
nongovernmental organizations operating at all levels from local to global, and to foster relations and encourage collaborative efforts among members of environmental communities at Brown and beyond.

**Hospital Volunteer Opportunities**

Several hospitals affiliated with Brown University welcome students to serve as volunteers. The only prerequisite is a sincere interest to participate and a minimum time commitment to spend one or two mornings or afternoons (weekdays or weekends) at the hospital. Most of these facilities offer special training programs to familiarize students with the hospital setting and specific volunteer activities. Volunteer programs run throughout the year. This experience does not carry academic credit.

**International Health Institute**

[http://publichealth.brown.edu/ihi/](http://publichealth.brown.edu/ihi/)

The International Health Institute (IHI) is a research center in Brown's School of Public Health and pursues interdisciplinary research on population health in low and middle income countries (LMICs). IHI faculty lead research on non-communicable diseases and infectious diseases. IHI faculty mentor and collaborate with graduate, medical and undergraduate students and postdoctoral fellows in their research and theses. Faculty also teach courses regularly throughout the Public Health curriculum on general aspects of global public health, epidemiology, health services and in their specialty topics.

**Medical Student Interest Groups**

[https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/student-affairs/student-groups](https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/student-affairs/student-groups)

**Medicine in Action Program**

[http://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/plme/current-students/enrichment-activities/medicine-action-program](http://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/plme/current-students/enrichment-activities/medicine-action-program)

PLME students are invited to get a first-hand look at physicians in their working environments through the Medicine in Action Program (MIAP). We encourage you to take advantage of this special program designed to enrich your PLME student experience. Once you indicate your interest in meeting with a physician(s), the PLME Office will send an email to the physician's office on your behalf. Next, you will receive an email confirming your MIAP assignment, including the physician's name, medical specialty, phone number, email address, and office location. You will need to contact the physician directly to arrange for a mutually convenient time for the visit. Visits are usually for one day, although special arrangements for a longer duration may be arranged with permission of the physician sponsor. Please note that academic credit is not granted for this experience. For further information, contact the PLME office.
Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training Program (MHIRT)
http://brown.edu/initiatives/global-health/ghi-programs/mhirt-program

In the spring of 2014, the GHI was awarded a five year training grant entitled “Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training Program (MHIRT)”, led by Timothy Flanigan, MD, Professor of Medicine and Health Services, Policy and Practice. The goal of the program is to mentor undergraduates, graduate and medical students who are underrepresented in the health sciences by providing exposure and training in global health programs and global health research in resource limited settings. The program is funded by NIH-National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The MHIRT program allows the GHI to support approximately 10 trainees per year to participate in a mentored summer research experience with training sites in several countries. Eligible students must have completed two years of coursework, with a focus on medicine, public health or social and behavioral health sciences.

Office of Women in Medicine and Science (OWIMS)
http://biomed.brown.edu/owims/

Dedicated to the advancement of women faculty, residents, students and trainees in the Division of Biology and Medicine at Brown University, the Office of Women in Medicine and Science (OWIMS) serves to network women in medicine and science at all levels. The office offers educational programs to meet the needs of its many constituencies.

The Office’s primary areas of focus are professional advancement of women faculty, house officers, students and trainees; career planning; professional/faculty development; mentorship programs; networking; recognition programs for women in medicine and science; promotion of diversity and gender equity; and women's health research and education.

Preclinical Electives
https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/plme/current-students/enrichment-activities/preclinical-electives

Preclinical medical electives are not the clinical electives you will need to take as part of your medical school curriculum. Preclinical electives can be taken by first- and second-year medical students, and by PLME and EIP students. The workload is usually minimal given that medical students who take part already have a full basic science load, but it is an opportunity to learn something that is clinically related.

PLME Office
https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/plme/
The PLME Office is the central resource office for students enrolled in Brown's Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME). The PLME Office offers information on: PLME advising, academic program guidelines and curriculum; the PLME educational planning process; the Medicine in Action Program (shadowing physicians); PLME Senate events (e.g. Whole Patient & Whole Physician Programs); and enrichment activities. We invite you to stop by the PLME Office in the Biomed Center for guidance on any of the areas listed above or to answer your questions. Your PLME advising dean is available to meet with you individually about your academic progress, PLME educational plan and special interests. If you need any assistance in reaching your advising dean, please do not hesitate to stop by the PLME Office or to contact one of us. We are all available to support you throughout your undergraduate experience and in your transition to the Medical School. We look forward to meeting with you and urge you to stay in contact with your PLME advising dean and with our office.

**The RI Free Clinic**
http://rifreeclinic.org/

The RI Free Clinic is able to carry out its mission based on the extraordinary efforts of our volunteers. Volunteers range from medical professionals who donate their time to the Clinic, to individuals who join us on the first Thursday of each month to help process new patients. Volunteers are our greatest asset and we are very much in their debt. Under our volunteer provider community partnership model, medical services are provided by RI Free Clinic staff and a wide-ranging team of volunteer professionals from around the state, to include doctors, nurses, pharmacists and student trainees from major RI hospitals and institutions of higher learning. Many of our volunteer doctors see Clinic patients in their own offices, allowing patients to receive medical services in their own communities.

**Student Employment Office/Human Resources**
http://brown.edu/about/administration/student-employment/

Undergraduate students can search for job opportunities (both on and off campus) online. A listing of available jobs, as well as general information about Student Employment, getting paid and direct deposit can be found on the Student Employment website. Before working on campus for the first time, students must complete a Form I-9 with the Human Resources Department.

**Study Abroad: Office of International Programs**
http://www.brown.edu/administration/oip

Brown encourages undergraduates to study abroad, and allows transfer credit for such study towards the Brown degree. Students must be in good academic standing. Brown sponsors programs in Brazil, Cuba, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Note: In the UK, there is a program at King’s College designed specifically for pre-med students.
Study at Other U.S. Institutions

Students interested in studying at other U.S. colleges or universities during the regular academic year or during summer must obtain pre-approval in writing from the Dean of the College office and from the appropriate academic department to transfer course credits back to Brown. Prior approval is required for students requesting federal financial aid for study elsewhere. Consult the Dean of the College website at www.brown.edu/college for more information.

Swearer Center for Public Service
http://www.brown.edu/academics/college/special-programs/public-service/

The Swearer Center for Public Service is a hub of advising, knowledge, and connection for social change on campus. We approach our work with a strong commitment to social justice, collaborative community partnerships, engaged scholarship, and advising. We hope you’ll explore all of the incredible opportunities to make a difference here on and off campus by visiting us at 25 George Street.

We invite you to meet with our staff during their Office Hours and visit the Swearer Sparks website to explore more stories of students, alumni, faculty, and staff within Brown’s social change community. Swearer Sparks is an award-winning website of stories that spark conversation, relationships, and ideas for social impact within the Brown community. On the website, you can find 250+ stories created by Brown student leaders, innovators, storytellers, and activists; 100+ profiles of students, alumni, and faculty exploring social change in communities around the world; and dozens of resources for active and aspiring changemakers.