

# UW Medicine

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Dear Prospective Student:

Each summer, the UW School of Medicine's Center for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion & UW School of Dentistry Educational Partnerships and Diversity offers a unique opportunity for **college freshman and sophomore students** interested in medicine and dentistry.

The Summer Medical Dental Education Program (SMDEP) is a six-week enrichment program for talented underrepresented college freshmen and sophomores interested in medicine or dentistry. The program will offer each scholar intensive enrichment in core science courses, clinical exposure, mentor shadowing and much more. The UW simultaneously aims to provide its participants with a deeper understanding of the needs of underserved communities within a supportive and diverse environment. The UW SMDEP has a 23 year proven record of success among our graduates. As of 2011, 870 of our SMDEP graduates have gone on to medical school or dental school.

It is intended for students who are from disadvantaged backgrounds (economic, geographic, education) and/or students who are underrepresented in medicine (racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population). We feel that students who expect to encounter significant barriers in achieving their educational and professional goals will benefit from SMDEP.

The UW SMDEP information/application is online at [www.smdep.org](http://www.smdep.org). **SMDEP application opens November 1<sup>st</sup>. The application deadline is March 1st.** SMDEP has rolling admissions: SMDEP accepts students on an ongoing basis, so please apply early. View SMDEP video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLlKec1hwk&feature=plcp>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pam Racansky at [racansky@uw.edu](mailto:racansky@uw.edu) or Dan Olson at [dolson@uw.edu](mailto:dolson@uw.edu). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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## SUMMER MEDICAL DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (SMDEP)



at University of Washington School of Medicine and School of Dentistry,  
Seattle, Washington

### UW SMDEP Highlights:

- SMDEP courses, two tracks involving Biology, Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry, Microbiology, Biostatistics, Physics, Call to Action (communications)
  - Gain study skills and knowledge without effecting your college grades and heighten your understanding
- Mentor visits
- OR/ER observations
- Case Based Lectures
- Patient Ventilation Simulation
- Lectures on Health & Health Care Disparities for Native American/Alaska Native, Latino/Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, African American, LGBTQI communities
- Biomedical Research Experience
- Suture Clinic
- Surgical Simulation
- Visit to Migrant Farmworker Camps in Mt. Vernon/Bellingham, WA

### Weekend Activities:

- Snoqualmie Falls
- 4th July Picnic/Fireworks
- Pike Place Market
- Seattle Center
- Mt Rainier
- SeaFair Events

### Application Process:

- Rolling Admissions. SMDEP application open November 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Application submitted by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup>; decisions will be visible on [www.smdep.org](http://www.smdep.org) on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Applications submitted by Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup>; decisions will be visible on [www.smdep.org](http://www.smdep.org) on April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Must be a freshman or sophomore in college
- Online application and eligibility visit [www.smdep.org](http://www.smdep.org)
- Visit us at UW SMDEP website: [www.mycedi.org](http://www.mycedi.org)

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