URiM Summer Clinical Exploration – Physician Assistant

- **The Summer Health Professions Education Program** (SHPEP), sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **First and second year pre-health college students are eligible** to apply to this free summer enrichment, interprofessional and comprehensive career preparation program. Housing, travel expenses, stipend provided. These are held on campuses throughout the country based on the student’s health professions career goal (filter the program sites for physician assistant)

- **Des Moines University Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars Program (Health P.A.S.S.):** 3 week program providing clinical exposure and application preparation for osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, physician assistant and physical therapy school. Housing, meals and $500 travel stipend provided.

- **Duke University School of Medicine Summer Biomedical Sciences Institute:** 6 week residential program with academic and advisement and one shadowing experience for rising sophomores/juniors with a pre-health focus including physician assistant. Housing, meals, up to $200 travel assistance and a stipend provided.

**Networking Resources for Pre-PA Students and Professionals**

- **Physician Assistant History Society:** *Profiles in Black*, a booklet produced in 1997 with biographies of PAs of African American heritage who were leaders in the PA profession

- **National Institutes of Health: U.S. National Library of Medicine:** History of Medicine Physician Assistants: Collaboration and Care Exhibit

- **Caucuses of the American Academy of Physician Assistants:**
  - AAPA African Heritage Caucus
  - Asian and Middle Eastern PA Caucus
  - LBGT PA Caucus
  - PAs for Latino Health
  - PAs for Rural Health
  - Veterans Caucus Inc.

- **Physician Assistant Education Association**
  - Project Access recruitment program
  - Diversity & Inclusion Resources, including toolkits for:
    - Culturally Appropriate Care
    - Health Disparities, Health Equity, and Bias
    - LGBT Inclusion
    - Social Determinants of Health

- **GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality:** Largest and oldest organization of LGBT healthcare professions. Mission is to ensure equality in healthcare for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and healthcare providers, including physician assistants

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