

Casey Advancement of Diversity and Inclusion in Ophthalmology (CADIO)

Statement of Interest: Undergraduate Observership in Ophthalmology

Applicants for the student 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 collaboration and mentorship to help them pursue careers in medicine. This experience is focused on underrepresented minorities in medicine.

Name:

Email:

Date of Application:

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

1. We are committed to increasing the diversity of ophthalmology by inclusion of 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.
Do you identify as a member of an underrepresented in medicine group? (Please circle)
 a. Yes
 b. No
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 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 year post graduate training)
 - c. ___ Orthoptist (An allied health professional specialized in binocular vision and eye movements, especially in children. A 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.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

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