

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Statewide Preceptorship Program Awards Summary for Fiscal Years 2016-2017

Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians

Award: \$999,997

The General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program (GIMSPP) is a mentorship program providing first and second year medical students enrolled in Texas medical schools an opportunity to spend time with an internist practicing primary care in a community based hospital or clinic for a two, three, or four week period. The program aims to bring opportunities to students in the form of hands-on experience within the preceptors' office. Stipends are offered to each student, and commitment to study in rural areas is encouraged. Placements are made in all regions of Texas with an emphasis on rural areas, Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) and Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Texas Pediatric Society

Award: \$1,000,000

The Texas Pediatric Society (TPS) General Pediatric Preceptorship Program began in 1996 to address the state's primary health care shortage by exposing students to general pediatrics early in their medical career. Through the TPS Preceptorship Program, medical students are provided the opportunity to experience general pediatrics in an office or clinic setting thereby generating interest and excitement for general community pediatrics. The goal of the TPS Medical Student Preceptorship program is to enroll 300 medical students during the two year grant cycle averaging 150 per year. Student participants of the Pediatric Preceptorship program spend four weeks in a general pediatric practice between their first and second years of medical school. TPS has placed almost 2,000 medical students in month-long preceptorships across the state. Over the past 15 years 9-15% of graduating senior medical students nationally chose pediatric residency training each year. The 1,642 students who had completed a preceptorship before their 2012 medical graduation, 616 (38%) chose to enter pediatric residency training – *more than three times the national entry rate into pediatric residency*. Of those entering pediatric residency 375 (61%) chose to remain within the state for their training.

Texas Academy of Family Physicians

Award: \$1,000,000

The Texas Statewide Family Medicine Preceptorship Program is designed to match students with a family physician for a two- to four-week period to help them explore the specialty of family medicine in a community setting. The goal is to recruit approximately 150 medical students the first year, and increase the amount of students recruited to 200 in the second year. The objectives are to increase the number of Texas medical students choosing a career in Family Medicine and offer Texas medical students and opportunity to experience the specialty of Family Medicine within Texas as an aid to their ultimate specialty selection of Family Medicine and their ultimate practice site selection.