

PRIMARY CARE INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS FOR FY 2016 – FY 2018

Institution	Project	Award
Baylor College of Medicine	Primary Care Pipeline Advocacy	\$173,256
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center*	Family Medicine Accelerated Track	\$328,880
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, Paul F. Foster School of Medicine*	Longitudinal Primary Care Track	\$420,311
The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School	Preparing Primary Care Faculty Members as Preceptors for a Longitudinal Continuity Clerkship in Community and Preventive Medicine	\$362,688
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*	Llama: Igniting and Keeping the Primary Care Flame Alive	\$333,717
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston*	Student Continuity of Practice Experience (SCOPE)	\$411,859
University of North Texas Health Science Center	Community College Pathway Program	\$300,000
	Total Awards	\$2,330,711

*Amendments to grant awards increased funding support for FY 2018.

Baylor College of Medicine

Primary Care Pipeline Advocacy

\$173,256

The Primary Care Pipeline Advocacy (PCPA) program at Baylor College of Medicine aims to promote Primary Care advocacy through education, outreach, and teamwork, while fostering student interest in pursuit of primary care positions within Texas. Through a lecture and activity based, non-clinical elective rotation, undergraduate medical education (UME) students and graduate medical education (GME) residents will participate in parallel and teamed rotations that include advocacy experiences, mentoring experiences, and outreach activities. Incorporating faculty, physicians, current and prospective students the PCPA program will further entice the “best minds of today become part of the best medicine tomorrow” through education and promotion of Primary Care.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Family Medicine Accelerated Track

\$328,880

The Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT) at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine was designed to be the very exemplar of this program’s goal of increasing the number of primary care physicians in Texas. FMAT students complete the same curriculum in the first three years of medical school as do their peers in the traditional curriculum, with the addition of 3 new curricular experiences. Students spend their MS3 year on the TTUHSC campus where they will be residents, completing coursework in June, in time to begin residency orientation and training on July 1. Enhancing the Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT) will apply award funds to enrich and improve a program that offers a tested model for addressing deficits in the primary care physician workforce in Texas. Project goals focus on challenges in the current FMAT, which accepted its first cohort of medical students in fall 2010. Goals aim to strengthen the FMAT program infrastructure, maintain and establish support for student scholarships, enhance and expand student recruitment activities, conduct a TTUHSC FMAT Conference, offer additional family medicine experiences, develop teaching activities in geriatrics, and strengthen mentoring activities.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, Paul F. Foster School of Medicine

Longitudinal Primary Care Track

\$420,311

The Longitudinal Primary Care Track (LPCT) – Scholars in Primary Care is an interdisciplinary, innovative, complementary curriculum that will give medical students unique training experiences and credentials during medical school. The curriculum content of this program is not found in the traditional undergraduate curriculum. Over the four years of medical education, the LPCT combines elements such as formalized leadership training, introduction into practice management, a clinical component with exposure to service learning opportunities, and production of research/scholarly work. The program will capitalize on early exposure to broad aspects of primary care, an approach that has been demonstrated to be effective at improving students' attitudes towards primary care. Exposure to working with underserved populations and in rural areas are predictors of interest in primary care that this curriculum emphasizes. The Scholars in Primary Care have just completed their first year of medical school and this project continues to advance the curriculum commensurate with students’ skills and level of training.

The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School
Preparing Primary Care Faculty Members as Preceptors for a Longitudinal Continuity Clerkship in Community and Preventive Medicine

\$362,688

Students at Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin are required to participate in a two-year Family and Community Medicine clerkship with the goal of preparing them to integrate preventive and population-based care in the ambulatory setting through meaningful participation in care of a panel of patients over time. Studies of specialty choice suggest that the quality of the primary care clerkship, the quality of teaching by preceptors, extended experience with patients over time, and the level of patient care responsibility provided are associated with choice of a primary care career by medical students. At Dell, a faculty development program for community physicians who sign on to serve as preceptors in the Family & Community Medicine Clerkship will focus on physicians' understanding of learner needs, matching teaching strategies to those needs, assessing readiness for levels of entrustability, developing patient panels with increasing levels of responsibility over time, and purposefully modeling the values and benefits of a primary care career. The program will require longitudinal involvement of three cohorts of physicians combining small group interactive sessions using an appreciative inquiry approach, online modules, and "standardized student" workshops.

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Llama: Igniting and Keeping the Primary Care Flame Alive

\$333,717

The focus of Llama: Igniting and Keeping the Primary Care Flame Alive is on five activities to increase the number of UTHSCSA graduates who enter primary care specialties. One, a partnership with the UTSA/UTHSCSA Facilitated Acceptance to Medical Education (FAME) Program to raise awareness about our nation's need for primary care physicians and expose pre-medical students to the rewards and challenges of primary care careers. Two, establish continuity mentoring/shadowing relationships with primary care faculty for pre-clinical students beginning at their first class orientation. The mentoring relationship will be continued during the first two years of medical school as part of their longitudinal preceptorship of their curricular requirement and will include resources to support academic success. Three, establish a support group particularly focused on married and older students whose values and expectations are consistent with a career in primary care at admission. Four, develop Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics clerkship sites into practices that model value-based and patient-centered care. Five, establish collaborations with private practices in which medical students in their fourth year can rotate and see innovative patient-centered practices that focus on population health, disease prevention, and value-based care.

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Student Continuity of Practice Experience (SCOPE)

\$411,859

The Student Continuity of Practice Experience (SCOPE) is a longitudinal experience spanning all four years of curriculum and provides training for students interested in primary care. The continuation and expansion of this program will offer several enhancements to the program and reach a larger student population. Goals of the program are: 1) to introduce students to longitudinal primary patient care in an interprofessional patient-centered medical home model

early and repeatedly in their four-year medical education; 2) to utilize patient interaction and faculty mentor relationships to enhance clinical skills and develop enthusiasm for a career in primary care; 3) to create a culture at UTMB where primary care is viewed by students as a positive, dynamic career. Award funds will support program expansion.

University of North Texas Health Science Center

Primary Care Pathway Program

\$300,000

The Primary Care Pathway Program (PCPP) is a unique "2+1+4" pathway, which leads to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree (DO). The goal of the PCPP is to increase the number of primary care physicians in the Midland-Odessa region through an expedited pipeline from community college through medical school. Using a cohort model, students benefit through dedicated academic and logistical support in order to complete program requirements within seven years.