Minority Senior Scholarship Program

Children's National Health System

Washington, DC

Frequently Asked Questions

• During which rotation dates does MSSP occur?

Please note that the Children's National clinical rotation dates that coincide with MSSP are:

- o **7/5-7/30**
- o **8/1-8/27**
- o **8/29-9/24**
- o 9/26-10/22

In order to participate in MSSP, you will need to participate in a rotation during this time frame.

• Can I submit a part of the application late?

No. Please do not forget to finalize your MSSP application $\underline{by May 1^{st}}$. Applications not complete and submitted by that date will not be considered. All supporting documents must be included. We begin our application review promptly on May 2^{nd} so we can provide funding decisions as soon as possible. We will only include documents received by May 1^{st} in this review.

• Do I have to also apply through VSAS?

Yes. The MSSP application is for funding and inclusion in our additional program. The VSAS application is how we place our visiting students into clinical rotations, a key portion of the program. Please submit your rotation preferences via VSAS <u>by May 1st</u>.

• I can't find Children's National on VSAS!! What should I do?

All Children's National electives are listed under George Washington University in VSAS because we are their department of pediatrics.

• Does it matter which rotations I apply for?

No. However it does matter how many you apply for. The more clinical rotation options you provide within the 7/5 to 10/22 timeframe, the more likely it is that we will be able provide an opportunity for you. I encourage you to apply for all rotations that interest in you. Acting Internships (a.k.a. subinternships) are among the most competitive. If you apply for an acting internship I strongly encourage you to apply for electives as well.

• What kind of USMLE/ COMLEX score report should I submit?

An unofficial copy is acceptable but a score must be included. Simply indicating passing or not is not sufficient.

- **Do you need an official copy of my medical school transcript?** No. A transcript is required but an unofficial copy is sufficient for the purposes of the MSSP application.
- Do I need to submit a letter of recommendation?
 No, letters of recommendation are optional. However only letters received by May 1st will be used to inform our funding decisions.