

Articulation Agreement
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
and
Michigan State University Charles Drew Science Scholars Program
For the MSU-CHM Mission SMART Initiative

The Michigan State University (MSU) College of Human Medicine (CHM) Mission SMART (SpartanMD Acceptance Realization Track) Initiative (Program) provides an enhanced opportunity for qualified undergraduate premedical students who are interested in practicing in an underserved area of medicine to be considered for CHM admission.

Preference for admission to the Program will be open to MSU Charles Drew Science Scholars (Drew). Students who otherwise might not have access to or be familiar with the intricacies of premedical preparation and medical school application because they are: 1) first generation college students; 2) graduating from a low income high school as defined by the United States Department of Education; 3) eligible for or a recipient of an undergraduate need-based or PELL grant; 4) graduating from an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area; or 5) demonstrating an interest in a high-need medical specialty area.

MSU-CHM and Drew agree to cooperate with one another to further the Program objectives in accordance with the following terms and conditions, effective as of the last dated signature to this agreement:

Drew Responsibilities: Drew will make a substantial contribution to the physician work force of the future by identifying and developing students. Drew will engage in broad-based outreach to develop, identify, and endorse students for Program consideration and to monitor the progress of such students to ensure their continued qualification to participate in the Program, including:

1. Utilizing all appropriate resources to identify, market to, and conduct a variety of outreach activities to recruit high school students with an interest in participating in the Program and who are likely to practice in an underserved urban or rural location.
2. Ensuring course offerings are continued for the appropriate academic preparation of the Students.
3. Advertising and making the Program accessible to all current and potential Students (e.g., the use of seminars or workshops).
4. Permitting the Students to self-identify for Program consideration.
5. Monitoring the progress of and providing developmental opportunities for the Students consistent with Program objectives.
6. Developing or maintaining volunteer partnerships with underserved health facilities and individuals practicing in underserved locations for the students, including internship opportunities.
7. Developing and implementing the mechanism to endorse the Students who have participated in or have met the developmental portion of the Program, and who evidence the strong potential to be medical practitioners in keeping with the mission of MSU-CHM.
8. Endorsing only those students who meet the threshold for consideration into the Program (Endorsed Students).

9. Providing the opportunity for Endorsed Students to conduct research at Michigan State University or another institution.

MSU-CHM and Drew agree that Endorsed Students must:

- Demonstrate an active interest in and knowledge of medicine through obtaining direct experience with the delivery of health care through volunteering, employment, and/or shadowing in medical/clinical settings.
- Demonstrate commitment to the service of humanity through consistent community service activities.
- Meet minimum academic standards to be considered for admission as specified in this agreement.
- Evidence leadership through participation in extra-curricular, academic, research, organizational, volunteer, or employment activities.
- Complete an academic major of their choice.
- Demonstrate the professional behavioral expectations of competence, honesty, compassion, respect for others, and responsibility in their academic, clinical, and volunteer experiences.
- Subscribe to the mission of MSU-CHM to meet the needs of patients, families, and communities by providing medical care with respect and dignity with particular concern for and responsiveness to medically underserved populations and communities.
- Complete all medical school prerequisites as detailed by MSU-CHM.
- Provide MSU-CHM with transcripts reflecting all college courses and credits.
- Complete Mission SMART application.
- Submit letters of evaluation and recommendation as required by the MSU-CHM admission process.
- Participate in an MSU-CHM Admission Interview Process if invited by MSU-CHM to do so.

MSU-CHM Responsibilities: MSU-CHM will consider Endorsed Students from Drew for the Program and:

1. Review all Endorsed Students who meet the following minimum academic standards: 3.0 overall GPA; 3.0 science GPA; have taken CASPer; and be projected to achieve a minimum MCAT score of 500 in accordance with applicable timelines and guidelines.
2. Accept for review Mission SMART application-- submitted by the Endorsed Students in their junior year or credit level equivalent to junior year or above.
3. Waive secondary application fees for Drew Students applying to the Program.
4. Invite for an admissions interview in accordance with the timeline any Endorsed Student that MSU-CHM deems qualified and most competitive for admission according to Program provisions.
5. Present the interviewed Endorsed Students to the CHM Committee on Admissions, which makes offers of admissions as its sole discretion.
6. Notify those Endorsed Students selected for admission of acceptance to MSU-CHM in accordance with the timeline.
7. Communicate each admitted student's Early Admission status to AMCAS.
8. Reserve positions for Endorsed Students to be admitted to MSU-CHM through the Program.

9. Grant the Doctor of Medicine degree to students who successfully complete the MSU-CHM requirements for graduation.
10. Participate with Drew in marketing the Program.
11. Offer engagement for Drew SMART pathway student with CHM through specific programming and advising/mentorship opportunities for various certifications, physician shadowing, clinical short courses, and preparation for the MCAT.
12. Pursue development of a course specific to pre-medical preparation for Drew students.

MSU-CHM and Conditionally Accepted Drew Student Responsibilities: If MSU-CHM offers an Endorsed Student admission and the Endorsed Student accepts the offer (Conditionally Accepted Student), the student will:

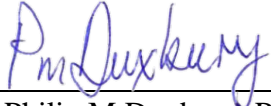
- Be allowed to accept or reject the offer of Early Assurance admission to MSU-CHM and, furthermore, to be considered for regular admission without prejudice should the Conditionally Accepted Student choose to reject the offer of Early Assurance admission and apply to MSU-CHM or other medical schools as a regular applicant.
- Be expected to maintain or improve their GPA and to complete all future activities as documented in their Mission SMART application unless otherwise instructed by MSU-CHM. MSU-CHM is ultimately responsible for establishing its admission standards and requirements for its medical education program.
- Submit an AMCAS application indicating acceptance to the MSU-CHM Early Assurance Program in accordance with time guidelines set by MSU-CHM, if the Conditionally Accepted Student chooses to apply to MSU-CHM.
- Meet technical standards and criminal background check drug testing requirements in place for their MSU-CHM entering class.
- Meet any other pre-matriculation expectation in place for their year of matriculation.
- Be eligible for scholarships, dual or combined degree, or any special program offerings, benefits or accommodations as available for their MSU-CHM entering class.

Program Publicity: Drew and MSU-CHM agree that all materials, media releases, and interview comments concerning the Program shall be mutually approved by them prior to publication, release, or comment.


Program and Agreement Review: The Program and this agreement shall be reviewed by representatives of both MSU-CHM and Drew annually for 3 years from the effective date of the agreement, at which time this agreement and the Program may be renewed by a written amendment or a new agreement. The Program and this agreement may be amended, suspended, or revoked only upon written request by either party with 60 days advance notice.

THE individuals below have the authority to bind their parties and have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below:

Michigan State University Charles DREW Scholars Program

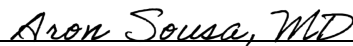
By: 
Philip M Duxbury, PhD
Dean, College of Natural Science

Date: _____


By: 
Jerry Caldwell, PhD
Director, Drew Scholars Program

Date: 3/12/2021

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

By: 
Aron Sousa, MD
Interim Dean, College of Human Medicine

Date: 3/22/2021

By: 
Joel Maurer, MD
Assistant Dean for Admissions

Date: 3/22/2021