## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA'S EIGHT-WEEK MEDICAL SCHOOL PREPARATORY PROGRAM

## What is the DREAM program?

The University of South of Alabama College of Medicine (USA COM) is committed to promoting and supporting diversity and inclusion in healthcare. A diverse student body and future physician workforce benefits our perspective as learners and our compassion as clinicians. Towards this effort, we are excited to welcome highly motivated and academically driven students to apply to our DREAM program.

The Diversity Recruitment and Enrichment for Admission into Medicine, or the DREAM program, is an eight-week medical school preparatory curriculum that emphasizes MCAT preparation and exposure to the rigors of medical school. DREAM program scholars participate in shadowing, mock interviews, and professional development.

As a DREAM program scholar you will:

- Receive assistance from top medical educators in preparation for the MCAT
- Be Appointed a USA College of Medicine faculty/resident/student mentor
- The opportunity to meet with and interact with USA College of Medicine faculty and students
- Receive pre-health professional advising
- Participate in leadership and professional development
- A stipend, housing, and program materials
- An earned seat in the USA College of Medicine first year class upon meeting admission criteria

Eligibility for the DREAM program:

- Completed 2 years in a pre-med curriculum with a minimum of 8 hours in biology with lab, chemistry with lab, and math up to calculus.
- Overall GPA of 3.4 or higher, Math and Science GPA of 3.0 or higher, ACT score of 20 or higher.
- Underrepresented in the medical community or Disadvantaged based on family income, community resources or other self-determined status.

**Application Requirements:** 

- Copy of most recent family federal income tax return
- One letter of recommendation (Letters must be from non-family members, highlighting your personal strength, academic performance, and work ethic; does not have to come from a physician).
- Official transcript
- Completed DREAM application

Submit completed application by March 1 as one packet.

For more information of the Diversity and Inclusion initiatives at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, visit: <u>http://www.usahealthsystem.com/dream</u> or email Kimberlee Rish at krish@southalabama.edu

Thank You

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