October 9, 2007

Dear Pre-health Advisors:

The University of Louisville Schools of Medicine and Dentistry are recruiting freshmen and sophomore pre-medical and pre-dental students for the 2008 Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), a pre-professional academic enrichment program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The six-week intensive summer residential academic enrichment program is focused on integrated problem solving in the basic sciences, centered on medical and dental applications. The program dates are June 1 through July 11, 2008. As you assist students with applying for summer opportunities, please encourage them to consider the University of Louisville’s Summer Medical and Dental Education Program located at www.smdep.org. Applications will be posted November 1, 2007 – March 1, 2008. Students may go online now to find out program information.

Participants in the SMDEP at the University of Louisville will experience:

- Three credit hour integrated basic science course, centered on Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry and Physiology for academic credit- with FREE tuition
- Physics laws and applications
- Clinical experiences designed to help students apply course knowledge in medical and dental clinical settings
- Team-based learning modules
- An individualized assessment and career plan
- Financial-Planning Orientation
- An option to apply to the Summer MCAT/DAT Review Workshop

Students who are interested in applying to our MCAT/DAT Review Workshop need to fill out an additional application. This application can be found at www.louisville.edu/medschool/ahc/special_programs. Applications will be posted December 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008. This program convenes immediately following the SMDEP.

Thanks to the generosity of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, students accepted to the SMDEP receive tuition, books, materials, housing and meals free of charge. Students will also receive a stipend for incidental expenses. For more information on the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP) at the University of Louisville, please encourage students to visit www.smdep.org and apply as soon as possible! Admission is highly competitive. Completed applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.
University of Louisville
Summer Medical and Dental Education Program
June 1—July 11, 2008

WHY LOUISVILLE?

~ Many medical firsts, including the first hand transplant in the United States and the first clinical trial of a fully implantable artificial heart
~ A top-ranked School of Medicine with access to five teaching hospitals
~ A School of Dentistry that consistently ranks in the top 10 on the National Board examinations
~ The largest computerized patient simulation center and standardized patient program in North America
~ The Muhammad Ali Center, Churchill Downs, the Louisville Bats Baseball Team, the Louisville Slugger Museum and numerous cultural and recreational opportunities

Application Available at: SMDEP.ORG
Apply November 1, 2007–March 1, 2008

- Science Enrichment (free course for academic credit)
- Free Housing and Meals Plus Stipend
- Clinical Exposure & Clinical Correlations
- Team-Based Learning Modules
- Written/Oral Presentation Component
- Financial Planning Workshop
- Individualized Career Planning
- Health Disparities Symposium

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Please direct all inquiries to Mrs. Kia Mason or Mrs. Mary Joshua at 1-502-852-7159. Students may email us at specprog@gwise.louisville.edu. The application deadline is March 1, 2008. Students may apply on-line beginning November 1, 2007 at www.smdep.org!

Sincerely,

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