Medical Education Scholars Program
2023-2024

Program Overview
The Medical Education Scholars Program (MESP) is an internationally acclaimed annual program established in 1998 at the University of Michigan Medical School. The program is designed for medical school faculty and a limited number of fellows to develop as leaders in medical education. Skills emphasized include educational leadership, teaching, and scholarship.

Application Timeline:
March 7 - May 2, 2023

Program Information

MESP Offers a Formal Curriculum of Guided Study
The Tuesday afternoon seminars address topics in educational theory, methods, and research, and presentations are given by University of Michigan Faculty with expertise in educational research, clinical teaching skills, and leadership in academic medicine. Sessions are designed to be interactive, and are supported by readings and application exercises.

Specific topics covered in the course include:

- Curriculum Design
- Clinical Teaching Skills
- Program Evaluation
- Educational Theory and Research Methods
- Presentation Skills
- Building a Career in Health Professions Education

After completing this activity, participants will be able to: implement new theories of teaching and learning and models for leading institutional change; use new skills for carrying out assessment and education-related scholarship; interpret and evaluate medical education research, and provide effective feedback to clinical learners.

Individual Project
The cornerstone of MESP is the Individual Project. Each Scholar will identify an issue in education relevant to their interests, and will develop and execute an Individual Project during their time in MESP. This project will provide the Scholar with an opportunity to apply the principles, skills, and methods acquired in the program and to develop a scholarly approach to educational research and development. Projects typically include curriculum development, instructional design, or program evaluation. At the end of the program, Scholars will present their research to the University of Michigan community at the Department of Learning Health Sciences’ Roland “Red” Hiss Lecture and MESP Research Symposium.

Peer Group of Scholars
Building a community of practice for emerging leaders in medical education is a central goal of MESP. MESP offers a supportive and collegial environment for junior faculty and fellows to build skills in the program’s target areas and to develop and execute their Individual Project.

Mentorship
Scholars are mentored by MESP Director Dr. Caren Stalburg and will have several opportunities to workshop their projects and consult subject matter experts as part of the program.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2023-2024 program will be conducted either virtually or in person, according to University guidelines for educational programs. The course format will be announced in September, and all applicants should plan for the possibility of in-person instruction during the year.
Application Deadline: May 2, 2023

Application to the Program
The 2023-2024 course will take place virtually on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-4:30pm, and will run from October 10, 2023 until June 6, 2024. The program cost is $3000 and is generally paid by the applicant’s department or division from professional development funds.

Admission to the program is competitive, and approximately fifteen Scholars per year will be accepted into MESP. We encourage applications from both faculty and fellows; however, historically the Program primarily serves faculty development needs and therefore accepts a limited number of fellows.

For the 2023-2024 cohort, applications will be accepted from March 7 through May 2, 2023. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by June 16, 2023. Please see the MESP website for application forms and instructions and contact mesp-info@umich.edu with any questions.

Your application to the Medical Education Scholars Program will require:

From the applicant:
1. A cover letter identifying your name, title, and contact information
2. A one-page statement describing
   • why you are applying to MESP
   • your role in health professions education at the University of Michigan
3. A one-page proposal for an education-related Independent Project you intend to carry out during MESP
4. A signed copy of the MESP Key Dates and Attendance Policy document
5. A copy of your CV

From your division/department head:
1. A letter supporting your participation in the Medical Education Scholars Program
   • This letter must include an affirmation of release time for attendance at the weekly Tuesday afternoon sessions from October 2023 through June 2024
   • The letter should also state whether the department will provide funding for the Scholar to participate in MESP. The program cost for 2023-2024 is $3000.

MESP Information and Application: https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/lhs/education/medical-education-scholars-program For questions about MESP, please contact:

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