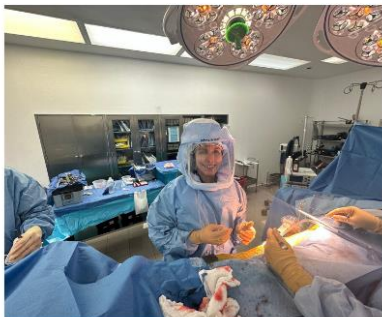




SUMMER PROGRAM

For Talented Students in
Medicine, Science and High
School

2024



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GOALS

1. Provide a real experience and professional growth in the field of health to young people from different regions of Puerto Rico and in different countries during the summer.
2. Nurture the student life experience of the participants through tools that will help their development as exemplary citizens and outstanding professionals and will inspire them to continue an allied to health career.
3. Promote real clinical experiences among participants for a week in a hospital or doctor's office, through exposure to the world of allied health careers.

ACTIVITIES

1. **Clinical Rotations:** Participation of the students as observers in hospital institutions or medical offices. The participants must attend all rotations with their gown, scrub and ID. In the first week of orientation, they'll be informed of all assigned rotations that they'll complete during their participation in the Summer Program. Rotations will be assigned by the Foundation randomly; students will not be able to choose where to take them. Once rotations are assigned, no changes can be made (NO EXCEPTIONS). The participants will spend an average of one week in a hospital, 330 Center and/or doctor's office. The schedule of each rotation varies depending on the institution or medical office. The rotations will take place throughout the island, the participants are responsible for their transportation and lodging.
2. **Academic Rotations:** Students participate an average of one week in orientations and talks at universities or medical schools.

¹ Explanatory note: The Spanish language has the masculine grammatical mark, which is why you are encouraged to read this document in an inclusive manner and not limit it to reading it in the gender in which it is expressed.

Other activities:

1. **Volunteer Work (minimum 20 hours required)**
2. **Research Work** (with mentors assigned by the Foundation)
3. **Educational Conversation**
4. **Orientation Activities about the Summer Program:** The Foundation will offer information about the activities to be carried out during the Summer Program, the norms and rules to follow.
5. **Webinar:** The Foundation will offer information about the program to the selected students through an online conference. Once the student is accepted, they will be informed of the date of the "Webinar". The participation of the selected students is **COMPULSORY**.
6. **First Orientation:** In this activity we will offer information related to the development of the program.
7. **Orientation Activities on Clinical and Academic Rotation:** Hospitals and academic institutions will offer information on the nature of rotations.
8. **Evaluation Activities:** In order to maintain the level of excellence of the program, participants must complete various evaluations before, during and after the summer program. **COMPULSORY**
9. **Closing Activity:** Activity to conclude the Summer Program.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM

1. The application period for the Summer Program will be according to the call for each year. The 2024 call opens on November 20, 2023, and closes on March 15, 2024:
 - ❖ From November 20, 2023, to January 13, 2024, **the donation is \$150.00 Non-refundable (early bird pre-registration discount)**
 - ❖ From January 14 to February 29, 2024, **the application donation is \$200.00 Non-refundable.**
 - ❖ From March 1 to 15, 2024, **the application donation is \$300.00 Non-refundable.**
 - ❖ We will evaluate the opening of an extraordinary application from March 16 to 29, 2024, **with an application donation of \$500.00 Non-refundable.**
- * **The Foundation does not accept students' recommendations. The process is clear, transparent and limited to what is established in the call.**
- * **Applications will not be accepted after the indicated date.**

2. To apply you must be:
 - a. Medical student (first or second year)
 - b. University Student
 - c. High School Student (eleventh (11) or twelfth (12) grade at the time of application (students must have completed grade 11 to participate).
 - d. **We will not accept** applications from tenth (10) grade students.
3. Only complete applications with all required documentation will be considered.
4. Applications are evaluated by a special committee and are subject to a limited number of students and compliance with the requirements to apply for the program.
5. Students receive guidance on the tasks to be performed, the norms and rules to be observed. Students' clinical rotations must not interfere with the regular operation of the service in the hospital or office to which they are assigned.
6. The program lasts approximately 10 weeks:

All activities will be in person with integration of virtual activities as appropriate.

- Institutional Orientation
 - Academic rotation – Inter American University-Bayamón Campus and School of Medicine (Central University of the Caribbean)
 - Research Work – Duration of (2) months with assigned mentors
 - Volunteer work through group projects
 - Other Workshops (Financial advice, nutrition workshop for health professionals, educational discussion and orientations from Universities and Medical Schools in Puerto Rico)
 - Clinical rotation
7. Rotations are assigned based on availability. Rotations in specific areas and/or hospitals are not guaranteed. Once the rotation location has been assigned, the schedule may vary depending on the institution.
 8. The Program requires carrying out a group research project which must be presented in writing and orally.
 9. At the end of the internship the student will receive a certificate of participation in the closing ceremony of the program. **In addition, he will receive a certificate for the research project and community service in which compliance with these two components of the program will be certified.** The delivery of these certifications is subject to compliance with all program requirements.
 10. Students who participate in the program will receive a General Regulation of the 2024 Summer Program. The participation of any student who DOES NOT comply with the rules and regulations of the program will be canceled immediately.
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REQUIREMENTS

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The application process is summarized as follows:

1. Access the registration link that you will find on our website www.garciarinaldi.org.
2. Carry out Pre-evaluation: Interested parties must review and complete the required information. At the end of the pretest, the system will give you a registration number that will allow interested parties access to the program application.
3. Complete and submit the application for admission to the program through the platform accompanied by a donation to cover shipping costs and procedures related to the application.
4. The donation for the application is as follows:
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Once applications have been evaluated, **there will be NO reconsideration of applications.**

5. The payment of said donation will be received in the Donations system on our website through PayPal.
6. Two (2) Letters of recommendation (PDF format, maximum size 3mb)
 1. A letter of recommendation from the Director/Dean

Applies to High School Students: A letter of recommendation from the School Director that includes the grade point average **on a 4.00 point scale** and informs the student grade. **IMPORTANT: Study certifications or credit transcripts will NOT be accepted as a letter of recommendation.**

Applies to University or Medical School students: A letter from the Director of the Department or the Dean that includes your grade point average on a **4.00 points scale. IMPORTANT: Study certifications or credit transcripts will NOT be accepted as a letter of recommendation.**

2. A letter of recommendation from a professor/teacher.

- The letter of recommendation must be on the Institution's stamped paper and/or have the institutional seal stamp.
- It must be signed in original (digital signatures will not be accepted).
- For schools/universities that need to submit the letter of recommendation directly to the registration platform, they must contact us by email at administracion@garciarinaldi.org

(The Letter of Recommendation Format is attached at the end of the document)

7. Essay about your interest in participating in the Program. (in Spanish or English)
Word format, maximum size 3mb

a. In the essay you will answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to participate in the Program?
- Why do you want to study medicine?

b. Essay Specifications

- One (1) page
- Font 12, Times New Roman
- Margin one inch (1")

8. Attend an interview (Only applies to pre-selected participants).

- During the interview the student must submit one (1) 2x2 photo (with his name written on the back)

9. Other requirements may apply.

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REQUIREMENTS ONCE ACCEPTED TO THE SUMMER PROGRAM

1. Students must attend a Compulsory "Webinar", in which they will be offered all the information related to the Summer Program and certain documents will be sent for them to complete and deliver at the First Orientation.

The list of documents required for in-person activities is included in point 2.

2. Students must deliver the following documents on the date established in the acceptance letter:

- COPY of the original current Health Certificate (expires 1 year after issuance)
- COPY of current Certificate of Good Conduct (does not apply to students under 18 years) (expires 6 months after issuance)
- COPY of Certification of vaccines completed at your current age, especially hepatitis B, chickenpox, Influenza and Covid-19 will be required. Students and guests participating in the Summer Program must have completed their Covid-19 vaccination series at least two weeks before the start of the Program.
- COPY of the current Medical Plan Card.
- Copy of the negative nasal culture result for Methicillin/Oxacillin-resistant "Staphylococcus Aureus" (MRSA).
- Donation of
- \$900 that covers gown, scrub, ID and Summer Program activities (Non-refundable) By check or money order, cash will NOT be accepted.
- Copy of other documents may be required according to the hospital, academic institution or collaborative component of the program.

There is the possibility for a Donation Exemption for qualified students. The exemption is subject to availability of funds for this purpose and compliance with the requirements established in the application.

- 3. Failure to deliver the required documents within the established time frame is grounds for the immediate suspension of the student's participation.**
4. Students must keep a copy of all required documents and deliver a set of documents to each hospital, academic institution or medical office as required.
5. Participants must sign a commitment to attend and comply with Summer Program activities and institutional policy regarding the Summer Program.
6. The participation of any student who does not comply with the norms and rules established during the Summer Program will be canceled.



Letter of Recommendation Format

Descriptive of the Summer Program for Talented Students in Medicine, Science and High School

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Recommendation letter format

One of the requirements to apply for the program is two (2) letters of recommendation. These letters must comply with the following:

- For High School Students:
 - 1 letter from the School Director that includes the grade point average on a 4.00 point scale and informs the student grade. **IMPORTANT: Study certifications or credit transcripts will NOT be accepted as a letter of recommendation.**
 - 1 letter of recommendation from a teacher.
 - PDF format, maximum size 3mb
- For University or Medical School students:

- 1 letter from the Director of the Department or the Dean that includes your grade point average on a 4.00 point scale. **IMPORTANT: Study certifications or credit transcripts will NOT be accepted as a letter of recommendation.**

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If applicable, these letters must include:

- How long have you known the student and in what capacity.
- Academic program in which the student is.
- The personal qualities and academic abilities of the student
- Academic achievements, emphasizing areas related to the opportunity or distinction you are requesting.
- Student weaknesses and strengths
- What distinguishes that person from the rest of the group? What makes it special?
- Participation in activities related to the academy.
- Challenges accepted by the student.
- Overcoming obstacles
- Contributions to society
- Future plans and long-term goals
- Why does the applicant deserve this requested opportunity or distinction?
- Responsibility and punctuality

The letters must be on the Institution's stamped paper and/or have the institutional seal stamp and be signed in original (digital signatures will not be accepted).

If you need more information, you can contact us at 787-725-4065 or by email at administracion@garciarinaldi.org