



AIM Scholars Program

(Access and Inclusion in Medicine)

Start strong, early on.



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Background

THE AIM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

At Ross University School of Medicine (Ross Med), we exist because there are inequities in access to medical education and quality health care. For example, approximately 94% of all U.S. medical schools graduate 10 or fewer Black male physicians annually, and 86% of all U.S. medical schools graduate 10 or fewer Black female physicians annually. We have the opportunity to train a diverse pool of medical students to become compassionate and patient-centric physicians who advance health care in local and global communities.

Ross Med partners with America's historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs), and a select group of other institutions to offer preferred admission to our MD program through our AIM Scholars Program, for students with the ability, character, and desire to become a doctor.



Jean Ford, MD

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, BARBADOS CAMPUS

Jean G. Ford, MD, was appointed senior associate dean of the Barbados campus for Ross University School of Medicine effective March 2023. In this role, Dr.

Ford leads the Ross Med campus team in fostering an environment that values diversity; promotes student, faculty, and colleague engagement and success; and engages as a socially responsible member of the community.

Dr. Ford is a physician educator and a clinical investigator with more than 30 years of experience in medical practice, education, and leadership. He began his career as a faculty member at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, where he rose through the ranks to serve as chief of the division of pulmonary and critical care medicine at Harlem Hospital Center and director of the training program in pulmonary diseases. While at Columbia/Harlem Hospital, he served as principal investigator of the New York Center of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Asthma Clinical Research Network.

Subsequently, he served as an associate professor of epidemiology, medicine, and oncology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and was the founding director of the Johns Hopkins Center to Reduce Cancer Disparities. Thereafter, he served as chair of medicine at the Brooklyn Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York, and then at the Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia.

Most recently, Dr. Ford has served a predominantly rural population as a practicing pulmonologist at the Bingham Memorial Hospital in Blackfoot, Idaho. He has led numerous clinical and community-based programs and research that address clinical problems and disparities related to respiratory diseases — especially asthma — and cancer. He has also contributed to global health and advocacy programs in southern countries of Africa; Central America; Guantanamo, Cuba; the Dominican Republic; and his native country, Haiti. Dr. Ford earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Columbia University and a Doctor of Medicine from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He completed his residency at Harlem Hospital Center and his fellowship in pulmonology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

HBCU/HSI Partnership Benefits¹



MERP Tuition Scholarship²

Offered to students who are admitted to the Medical Education Readiness Program or Ross Med's directly admitted students who opt to take MERP prior to beginning the first semester. For more information and a list of available scholarships, please visit medical.rossu.edu/scholarships.



Waived Seat Deposit

All accepted students will have their seat deposit waived.



MCAT Application Deferment

Students are eligible to apply without an MCAT score and will be reviewed for the MERP program. Students will be required to successfully pass MERP and have an MCAT score reported (within required deadlines) prior to enrolling in the first semester.



First-Semester Scholarship

Offered to students who are directly admitted or successfully pass MERP. For more information and a list of available scholarships, visit medical.rossu.edu/scholarships.



First-Semester Housing Grant

Grant will cover first-semester housing at The Villages at Coverley. Students may be eligible for the grant to be extended to the second semester based on academic performance.



Flight to First Semester³

All accepted students will receive a scholarship covering their round-trip flight to attend the first semester.

We're Invested in Your Success

- Direct contact and admissions support to answer all your application and personal questions, ongoing admissions support to help you navigate the application and admissions process.
- New Student Coordinator to help with your transition to campus.
- Assigned Peer Mentor to assist in your transition to life as a medical school student.
- Access to the Academy for Teaching and Learning (ATL) to help develop your plan for your medical school success.
- Clubs and organizations where you can connect interests, and explore new ones.

Contact Admissions:

AIMScholars@rossu.edu

FOR MORE INFO ON THE PROGRAM, OR A LIST OF PARTNERS:

medical.rossu.edu/admissions/aimscholar

¹To be eligible for HBCU & HSI Partnership benefits, you must be admitted to Ross University School of Medicine. Students who are residents of the state of New York must submit a letter of intent in order to be eligible. Students who are residents of the state of Florida are not eligible due to state regulations.

²MERP Tuition Scholarship covers the cost of MERP tuition only; administrative fees and other costs are not included.

³Students who are residents of the states of New York or Alabama must submit a Letter of Intent to be eligible for travel waiver. Students who are residents of the state of Florida are not eligible for travel waiver due to state regulations.

Ross Med Student Profile¹

Enrollment Data for 2022–2023 Academic Year

Race/Ethnicity



20% Asian

18% White

16% Black or African American

10% Hispanic

3% Two or more races

<1% American Indian/Alaska Native

<1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

33% Undisclosed

FEMALE	MALE
55%	45%

¹Data represents students who voluntarily reported. Institutional data is self-reported. For comprehensive student consumer information, visit medical.rossu.edu/student-consumer-information.



HBCU ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT

Israel Oloye, MD, '18

After graduating from Florida A&M University with a bachelor's degree in nursing, Israel Oloye, was inspired to apply to Ross University School of Medicine so that he could do, offer, and learn more. After graduating with his medical degree from Ross Med in 2018, Dr. Oloye began a family medicine residency at his first-choice program at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare. He enjoys his role as a mentor, and would like to continue to grow into the physician he hopes to be — one who is compassionate and who does right by both his patients and his community.



AIM SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Tahara Jordan, Class of '25

A first-generation college student, Tahara Jordan graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry and a master's degree in physiology from Florida A&M University. She focused on attending medical school; however, in researching medical careers and looking for mentors, she noticed a gap in representation for Black women doctors and Black professional women in general. "There seemed to be fewer Black women in medicine. I wanted to be part of changing that," she says. Through the AIM Scholars Program, she enrolled in the Medical Education Readiness Program (MERP) before matriculating into the MD program.

Jordan's first years of medical school were characterized by personal development, academic growth, and paying it forward. In 2021, she co-founded the Black Female Doctors organization on campus, with a mission to establish connections with other Black students, educate the community, and spread awareness of the impact of Black women in medicine.



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