

**PROGRAM DATES:**  
**JUNE 15 – AUGUST 1, 2026**

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<https://medicaleducation.weill.cornell.edu/medical-education/pipeline-programs/summer-research-fellowship>



Basic science research



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## Questions?

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## Last summer's fellows came from a wide range of institutions:

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University

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Bayamon Campus

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College

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University

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Massachusetts  
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**Weill Cornell  
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# Summer Research Fellowship Program

For Premedical  
Students

# 2026



**Weill Cornell Medicine**  
Office for Access, Belonging  
and Student Success

# "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane."

Since the late 1970's, when the federal government began stratifying health outcomes by demographic and social exposures, healthcare disparities have been noted. These disparities have been characterized as extensive, pervasive, and persistent. In 2002, the Institute of Medicine issued a publication entitled *"Unequal Treatment"*\*, exploring the contributors to these healthcare disparities, and offering mitigation strategies. Among the recommendations was promoting cultural competence and humility within the workforce.

Nearly 20 years have passed since these publications, yet insufficient progress has been made as it relates to morbidity and mortality related to healthcare disparities within the US. Dr. Joy Howell, who serves as Assistant Dean of Academic Access and Student Success of Weill Cornell Medicine, believes that "Medical education is a public good and we have a responsibility to deliver outstanding, culturally sensitive care to every segment of our society". The Weill Cornell Medicine Summer Research Fellowship is an enduring and exceptional program that is tangibly advancing this cause.

Identifying potential medical students with a serious commitment to addressing the healthcare needs of underserved communities is critical to remedying longstanding healthcare disparities. We strive to identify for our pathway programs individuals with a broad range of lived experiences. These lived experiences include those who are the first generation in college or medicine, those with socioeconomic disadvantage, those with lived or chosen experiences that generate a keen orientation to the needs of marginalized individuals and underserved communities, persons with disabilities, persons from under-resourced

educational backgrounds, and who have overcome significant hardship in pursuit of higher education.

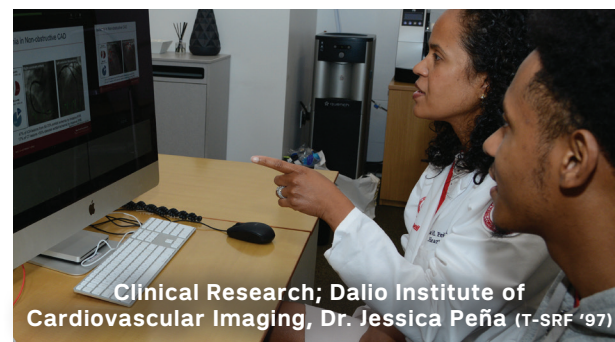
The Weill Cornell Medicine Summer Research Fellowship Program is designed to provide 25 premedical students with experiential research training, meaningful insights into the field of medicine, and enhanced knowledge of the conditions and policies impacting the health of traditionally underserved communities. The program also provides each participant with an opportunity to shadow a physician. As research training is the primary mission of the program, shadowing opportunities are limited.

We welcome applications from talented individuals from all backgrounds and lived experiences as described above. Applicants should be in their junior (third) year of college, should have completed two semesters of biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry and one semester of physics, and should be declared premedical students. Additionally, applicants should hold legal status in the US (such as citizens, permanent residency status).



Dr. Howell is a longstanding faculty member at WCM and a committed clinician educator. She served as the Program Director for the Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Fellowship from 2005 through 2020 when she was appointed as **Assistant Dean for Academic Access, Belonging and Student Success**. Developing future generations of physicians has been the enduring theme of her career and she is passionate about advancing the quality of patient care for all populations.

\*Unequal Treatment: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK220358/>



Clinical Research; Dalio Institute of Cardiovascular Imaging, Dr. Jessica Peña (T-SRF '97)

## Program Contents:

- **Experiential basic science or clinical research training, under the supervision of a WCM faculty member, allowing participants to acquire investigative techniques that can be later applied as they pursue their medical education**
- **Didactic curriculum focused on common public health issues including healthcare for the under and uninsured; healthcare disparities; research basics; and practical information surrounding the medical school application process including financing medical education, and preparation for the MCAT.**
- **Professional Development opportunities including career panel discussions crossing a variety of medical specialties (primary care, pediatrics, psychiatry, neurology, ophthalmology, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, radiology emergency medicine and internal medicine).**

Students receive a \$3,000 cost-of-living allowance for the summer and are housed, at no cost, in a medical student dormitory, Olin Hall. Participants are responsible for their meals and other living expenses. Travel expenses are subsidized for students living beyond the NY/NJ/CT tristate area.