

These outcomes have been accompanied by an increase in the number and quality of medical school applicants, with approximately 3,500 applicants vying for the program's 64 slots each year. Indeed, FAU's student selectivity metrics are now among the nation's best, as evidenced by FAU's ranking of 24th for acceptance rate and 48th for median MCAT scores in the 2020 US News & World Report rankings. The Schmidt College of Medicine is also leading the effort to diversify the future physician workforce, consistently achieving > 40% representation of minority* students for 3 years running. Approximately 1 of every 4 FAU medical students is from a group underrepresented in medicine (Black, Hispanic, American Indian), greater than twice the national average.

MASTER S AND PHD PROGRAMS

Through its master's program in biomedical science, the Schmidt College of Medicine is creating a diverse pipeline of future biomedical scientists. Program highlights include a 3-year graduation rate of 91% and >50% growth in enrollment over the past several years. Additionally, the rich diversity of the student population (with greater than two-thirds of the students representing diverse ethnic backgrounds), is allowing the college to help diversify the future biomedical scientist workforce of South Florida and beyond. Additionally, the college's ongoing MD/PhD program with Scripps, and emerging MD/PhD program with Max Planck, are helping to develop the next generation of humanistic clinician scientists.



GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Because graduate medical education is the most impactful and timely way to increase the future pipeline of physicians in Florida, the Schmidt College of Medicine has rapidly built a cadre of innovative, community-based residency and fellowship programs to help meet Florida's future physician workforce needs. Over the

HEALTHCARE CAREERS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Partnerships between the Schmidt College of Medicine and local foundations, schools, and organizations ensure a continuous connection with the community around us. The Healthcare Careers Outreach Program (HCOP) is the college's flagship community outreach program. It is designed to provide students from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to develop the skills needed to successfully compete for, enter, and graduate from health and allied health professions schools. Supported fully by a combination of foundation and private philanthropy funds, HCOP provides middle and high school students with an opportunity to learn about careers in health care, while taking part in problem-based learning activities and receiving formal and informal mentorship.

HCOP engages more than 2,000 students in Palm Beach County public schools. Nearly all HCOP high school graduates have pursued higher education in healthcare. We anticipate long-term benefits of the program toward diversifying the health care workforce in