



Dear Students and Advisers,

The MD/PhD programs at University of Rochester, University at Buffalo, and SUNY Upstate Medical University are hosting our annual **Western New York MD/PhD Conference on Saturday, May 3rd, 2008** at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**. The MD/PhD Program is part of the medical school, specifically for students training for both the medical and research degrees. This one day event gathers current MD/PhD students from Buffalo, Rochester, and SUNY Upstate for exchange of information, research presentations, and camaraderie. This year, invitation will be extended to undergraduates and high school students for a concurrent conference entitled: **Transforming Tomorrow's Thinkers (T3): Promoting the Path of Medical Research**. The goal of T3 is to promote awareness about MD/PhD training among undergraduate and high school students.

We are writing to invite you, your students (and parents) to attend this event. Participants can expect to learn the basic facts about the MD/PhD combined program in general and about the three different programs in detail. Throughout the day, posters and research presentations will help your students to discover basic science and clinical research opportunities. Small group sessions will provide valuable advice on the application and interview process. Finally, program directors and current students will be on-site to answer questions about the programs, lead tours of the medical school/laboratories, and interact with the participants on an individualized basis.

Attached you'll find a flyer for the conference and a detailed program we hope you utilize to inform your students of this great opportunity. The conference will run from 9 am to 3 pm at the University of Rochester's School of Medicine and Dentistry. Registration is FREE for this event; however, students should register on-line by April 23, 2008 in order to sign up for their first-choice small group session. This will also ensure we get an accurate count for ordering breakfast and lunch. Please have all interested students visit our registration website: <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/smd/mstp> Onsite registration will be available but choice of sessions will not be guaranteed. Free parking is also available and meals will be provided for the day.

We believe this to be an exciting and educational experience for all college and high school students thinking about pursuing a career in medicine and/or scientific research, and we look forward to meeting everyone. If you have any questions, please contact us at: westernnymdphd@gmail.com We hope to hear from you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Jacob

Public Relations Committee

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