

Program name: Four Directions Summer Research Program

Affiliated hospital: Brigham and Women's Hospital

Program leaders: Drs. Imo Aisiku, Morana Lasic, Tom Sequist

About: The Four Directions Summer Research Program (FDSRP) is a unique summer research opportunity at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) for undergraduate rising sophomores, juniors and seniors with a commitment to the health of Native American communities. Students engage in a basic science research project under the direction of a Harvard Medical School Faculty Mentor. Additional activities include clinical shadowing, career development seminars, weekly Talking Circles, networking events and more. Upon completion of the program, students leave BWH and HMS with new skills, experiences and knowledge that can be used to empower themselves, their communities, and future generations of Native peoples from all Four Directions.