



## “COMPASSION IN ACTION” AWARD

**Background and Purpose:** As a result of a generous gift from Dr. Zorba and Penny Paster on behalf of the Paster Family Foundation, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (DFMCH) is pleased to announce the “**Compassion in Action**” Award that is open to all 1<sup>st</sup> year medical students who have a desire to provide “good work” in an underserved community. This award will be used to offset living expenses only (not books, computers, etc.) while the student is working in an underserved and disadvantaged community for a 1- to 2-month period, usually in the summer between the first- and second-year of medical school. “Disadvantaged community” is defined as a developing country setting or U.S. community that the Awards Committee defines as disadvantaged and underserved.

**Who is Eligible?** 1<sup>st</sup> year Medical Students

**Nominations:** Students may nominate themselves or may be nominated by other students, faculty or staff. If you wish to nominate a student, let them know, so they can pursue the nomination process.

### Supporting Materials:

- **Personal Statement** covering the following content:
  1. List your name, address, email, and telephone number.
  2. Describe your planned experience – where will you go, how long, what your expected role will be.
  3. What are your goals?
  4. What do you expect to gain from this experience?
  5. Include name(s) of individual(s) providing letter(s) of support.
- **Letter of Recommendation** (from someone who has knowledge of the student's plan)

**Please note:** At the completion of the 1-2 month experience, the recipient must write a paper and make a presentation at a student interest group meeting of choice. The presentation shall include photographs, if possible, and must address the following questions:

1. Did you meet your personal goals during the experience?
2. Did the experience make your work in medical school more meaningful?
3. How did the experience impact your life and future plans?

### Submission Info and Deadlines:

- The Nomination Deadline is extended to **February 1, 2021**.
- The Supporting Materials Deadline is **February 15, 2021**.
- Supporting materials should be sent via email as attachments to:  
[suzanne.mcguire@fammed.wisc.edu](mailto:suzanne.mcguire@fammed.wisc.edu)

**On-line Nomination Form:** <http://www.fammed.wisc.edu/med-student/awards/nomination-form>

**Selection Process:** Awardees will be determined by the Award Subcommittee

**Amount of Award:** \$1,000.00 each

**Publicity:** Recipients' photos and/or bios may be shared with UW Health Public Affairs and/or other UW entities for publicity purposes.