

DAVID R. COX SCHOLARSHIP



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The David R. Cox Scholarship for Rare Compassion is offered to young medical or healthcare students who have been matched with a rare patient or family to better understand the lifestyle and challenges faced by rare disease patients with the hope of building compassion for this community in the medical field.

KEY DATES

Participation forms accepted	Year Round
Families and medical students are matched	Once per quarter
David R. Cox Scholarship submission opens	Monday June 24, 2019
David R. Cox Scholarship submissions closes	Friday August 23, 2019
Submissions are reviewed by program committee	Monday, August 26, 2019 – Friday September 6, 2019
Recipients are notified	Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Recipients announced	Monday, September 16, 2019
2019 RARE Patient Advocacy Summit (optional to attend)	September 18-20, 2019

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Recipients will be notified Wednesday, September 11, 2019. The following amounts will be awarded:

- **1st Place:** \$5,000.00 and complimentary registration to the Global Genes 2020 RARE Patient Advocacy Summit plus a travel scholarship values at \$600
- **2nd Place:** \$2,500.00
- **3rd Place:** \$2,500.00

ELIGIBILITY

MEDICAL STUDENTS

1. All medical students are welcome to apply to be matched with a rare disease patient; however, those matching to residency as of July 2019 are unable to apply for the David R. Cox Scholarship.
2. Must be attending medical school in the United States, Canada or United Kingdom.

NEXT STEPS

Step 1:

Read through this guidance, paying careful attention to the eligibility, key dates, matching process and scholarship guidance.

Step 2:

Medical students may submit a participation form, found on our website, <https://globalgenes.org/compassion/> to be paired with a rare disease patient. Your match must occur within one year of the scholarship opening date. If you already have a patient match through personal or outside resources, please email Ashley Yee at compassionproject@globalgenes.org.

Step 3:

Global Genes staff will provide a pre-program survey along with program expectations. Once reviewed and completed Global Genes will match and provide introduction email to patient and student.

Step 4:

Connect to family to set up desired meeting. Meetings may be through phone, email and/or in-person and may be as many times as both parties desire; duration of relationship is dependent upon both parties.

Step 5:

Prepare scholarship submission and submit through our website by Friday, June 14, 2019.

SCHOLARSHIP AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Patient relationship must have begun within the past 12 months (from date of scholarship submission)
- English-language submissions only
- Must follow **HIPAA** requirements

Submissions may be only in essay format. **Submissions that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted.**

- Essay
 - No more than 3-pages (two-sided)
 - 1' inch margins around
 - Roman numeral, 12-pt font
 - Double spaced
 - PDF submissions only

Submitted essay content must not have any identifying information on author

- Submit file with the following file name: AuthorFirstName_LastName_2019
- Must be submitted by Friday, June 14, 2019 at 11:59pm PST

Essay submissions should address the following prompt:

1. Background
 - a. Prior knowledge and/or experience, if any, to the rare disease space.
2. Experience
 - a. Summary of experience and/or interaction
 - i. Can include but not limited to: what disease and scope and significance of the disease's effect on the patient, family, or society
 - b. What, if anything, was unexpected or surprising about your encounter?
 - c. What is your understanding of a day-to-day life for this community?
3. Response/Insight
 - a. How does this experience impact you professionally?
 - b. What is your biggest takeaway?
 - c. What can you do as an emerging medical leader to improve the understanding and compassion for the rare disease space?
 - i. Can include but not limited to: increase awareness and interest among medical students, strategies to improve patient-physician relationship, and/or help patients and families cope with all aspects of living with a rare disease.

SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION

Submissions will be blind and evaluated by a panel of professionals. Submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Ability to address the prompt in a clear and concise manner
- Extent of contact/interaction/experience
- Expression of understanding the disease and its effect on individual, family and society
- Insight gained and analysis of professional impact
- Strategies for improvement