



## Supporting the growth of diversity among the next generation of IRs

The Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) and SIR Foundation believe in promoting a culture of inclusion and how different perspectives will strengthen the specialty of interventional radiology (IR). This funding program is intended to attract medical students from diverse backgrounds to the medical profession of IR by providing scholarships to fund visiting clerkships/rotations in interventional radiology. Students who are seeking to be the first generation of physicians in their families and identify as being from racial or ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the medical field, female, or LGBTQ are eligible to apply for these scholarships, as are students who come from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.

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The GEMS program will provide a travel grant to ease the financial burden for medical students who desire to participate in a visiting clerkship/rotation in IR at a program outside of their home institution. The visiting clerkships/rotations will provide these medical students an opportunity to:

- Have an in-depth and more personal learning experience of the specialty of IR
- Become exposed to and comfortable in a new environment as a prelude to their residency application and interviewing process
- Potentially develop an early mentoring relationship in IR
- Broaden their professional networks

Please visit the GEMS Program website for more information about eligibility and application requirements.

[sirfoundation.org/gems](http://sirfoundation.org/gems)

### Application deadlines

There are three cycles for this program:

**Cycle 1:** For clerkships beginning in April through July, the application is due no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on Dec. 1\*\*

**Cycle 2:** For clerkships beginning in August through November, the application is due no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on April 1\*\*

**Cycle 3:** For clerkships beginning December through March, the application is due no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on Aug. 1\*\*

\*\*The deadline remains on that date, whether or not the date falls on a weekend and/or holiday. Applications that are incomplete or do not comply with the guidelines, will be withdrawn from consideration.

Apply at [sirfoundation.org/gems](http://sirfoundation.org/gems).