AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH

AN EARLY MEDICAL SCHOOL SELECTION PROGRAM

Between

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

and

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Program Summary:

The purpose of the Early Medical School Selection Program is to provide an early and decompresed transition into the medical school curriculum through provisional acceptance into medical school at the completion of two years of undergraduate study. Students accepted into the Early Medical School Selection Program are expected to complete the program in its entirety. Serious consideration on the part of the applicant should be given to attending Boston University School of Medicine prior to accepting a spot in the Early Medical School Selection Program.

Application to the Early Medical School Selection Program will be available to students who are enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at designated colleges and universities. Application for admission into the Program will be submitted during the spring of a student's sophomore year of college. Completed applications are due January 31. The Admissions Committee will notify applicants of its decision by mail on April 15.

Students accepted into the Program will remain within their undergraduate institution during their junior year and pursue a program of study that will best prepare them to spend their senior year at Boston University. During their senior year at Boston University, students will participate in individualized programs of study which will satisfy their undergraduate academic requirements while providing a gradual transition into the medical school curriculum. Individual programs of study will include the opportunity for students to take specially designed modular courses. These courses will grant credit toward both the Bachelor of Arts degree at the student's undergraduate institution and the Doctor of Medicine degree at Boston University School of Medicine.

The September following the granting of the baccalaureate degree, students who have performed at the prescribed level will matriculate into the School of Medicine at Boston University and pursue a decompresed medical school curriculum, having fulfilled the requirements for certain medical school courses. Students must obtain a grade of B or higher in a modular course to receive medical school equivalency. Upon completion of the medical school requirements (normally requiring four years after matriculation), the degree of Doctor of Medicine will be granted by the Boston University School of Medicine.
Requirements for Admission:

Students who are United States citizens, are eligible to apply upon the recommendation of their Premedical Advisor. Admission to the Program will be based on the academic record, letters of recommendation, scope and quality of college and community activities, and such factors as the personality, character, and maturity of the applicant. Each candidate must submit the following materials for evaluation by January 31:

1) Completed application form
2) An official college transcript
3) Copy of SAT/ACT scores
4) A personal statement
5) Three letters of recommendation
6) A $25 non-refundable application fee

Students are eligible to apply during their sophomore year of college. The distribution of courses required for application to the Program includes one year of biology (with laboratory) and one year of general chemistry (with laboratory) in addition to the normal distribution of courses in the humanities and social sciences. It is expected that at the time of application, applicants will have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in both the science and the nonscience courses. Competitive applicants will be invited to Boston University School of Medicine to be interviewed separately by two different members of the Early Medical School Selection Program Admissions Committee. Successful applicants will be expected to complete the equivalent of one full year of both chemistry (with laboratory) and physics prior to beginning their senior undergraduate year at Boston University School of Medicine.

Participating institutions will waive any residency requirements during the student’s senior year at Boston University School of Medicine. During the senior year, students will be required to complete all concentration and distribution baccalaureate degree requirements toward their undergraduate degree requirements at their home institutions. Secondly, students will complete a program of study that will include at least two modular courses each semester. Student’s schedules will be approved by the Program Director. These courses will be taken in conjunction with other courses throughout the entire University, individually arranged to make up a full-time program of study. At the conclusion of each semester, the Program Director in accordance with a Faculty Committee on Promotions will review the progress of each student. To be promoted, students will be expected to achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in both science courses as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the
nonsciences during each semester of their junior and senior years. Each student will take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) no later than the spring of the fourth year of undergraduate study for informational purposes only and not for use in determining matriculation at the School of Medicine.

Before entering the first year at the School of Medicine, students in the Program must complete the usual prerequisite courses for entry into Boston University School of Medicine, which include: One year each of general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology, physics, English composition (or equivalent), and humanities. Prior to entry into the medical school curriculum, the academic record of each student will be reviewed by the Committee on Promotions. A student who for any reason (academic, motivational, or emotional) is found to be ill-suited for the program will be asked to withdraw. There will be no loss of credit for courses satisfactorily completed prior to withdrawal.

Tuition:

During their senior year, students enrolled in the Early Medical School Selection Program will be expected to pay the prevailing tuition, room and board fees directly to their undergraduate institution. The participating undergraduate institution will be expected to forward to Boston University School of Medicine, the amount equal in total to a student’s tuition, fees, room and board as stated in their official catalogue. There will be no exceptions to this rule and the undergraduate institution’s contribution will be their contribution to the Early Medical School Selection Program. Schools will be expected to pay this amount regardless of the student’s financial aid status. Tuition and financial aid for the School of Medicine portion of the Program will be the same, tuition charged to students enrolled in the regular curriculum of the School of Medicine. During medical school, financial aid will be similar to that provided for other students enrolled at the School of Medicine.

Provision for Change or Termination:

This agreement is subject to change by mutual agreement of both institutions. It may be terminated by either party by giving written notice at least one academic year in advance.

Participating institutions will be encouraged to publicize this Program and use it as a recruiting vehicle for high school seniors to their schools.
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Signatures of Responsible Authorities at the Cooperating Institutions

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11/27/96
Date:

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Designated Official: [Signature]
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12/10/96
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