



DREXEL UNIVERSITY

College of
Medicine

Office of Educational Affairs

Societies Program

The College of Medicine is implementing a system of learning communities, called Societies, within the school. The role of the Societies is to foster a sense of community with other students and faculty and to provide opportunities for the development of longitudinal relationships with students in other classes. Four Societies have been created, named after historic Philadelphia landmarks by our current first-year students. Each incoming first-year student will be placed into one of the four Societies, along with second-year students, faculty directors and faculty mentors. The Societies will serve as the framework for social events and community service projects, and to deliver our Advising and Wellness programming. For each Society, a faculty member will serve as the Society Director and help supervise the coordination of these events.

Society Director Responsibilities

A Society Director is a faculty member who will work with other Society Directors, student representatives and CoM administration and staff to plan events and coordinate the activities of the Society and foster a sense of community and camaraderie among the members of the Society.

Goals and Objectives of the Society Program

- Foster a sense of community within the Society.
- Cultivate an environment where students can develop relationships with other students within the Society across the first and second year.
- Create opportunities for students and faculty to develop a mentoring relationship that may extend beyond the first and second year.

Responsibilities

- Convene meetings of the Society Council (one Student Leader, two Wellness Representatives, two Service Representatives) to plan, direct and implement the projects of the Society.
- Coordinate with Student Leader (second-year student), the selection of 1 Wellness Representative and one Service Representative from each class within the Society membership.
- Participate in two academic/career advisory events for each first- and second-year class. These events will be delivered by the Society. Participate (along with the SGA student representatives) in the planning of the Dean's Cup and the integration of the Society into the competition.
- Supervise the coordination of one other Society social activity (in addition to the Dean's Cup) each year.
- Support the Wellness programming delivered by the CoM to the Society.
- Work with the CoM Program Director of Community Outreach to coordinate a service activity with the Society membership.
- Attend Society Director meetings (1–2/semester).

Qualifications: MD or PhD faculty member of DUCoM. Faculty member should demonstrate knowledge and enthusiasm for the goals and objectives of the Societies Program and a desire to work with students. This individual will demonstrate a willingness to learn about the curricular and extracurricular programs associated with the institution.

Time estimate is about 3–5 hours/month. This position will be compensated with a small stipend.

Four Society Directors are being recruited. If you are interested in one of these positions, please submit a statement of interest to Tracey McCafferty at tracey.mccafferty@drexelmed.edu. Address questions about the position to Donna M. Russo, drusso@drexelmed.edu, 215.991.8556.