Hopkins nabs $3.8M urban health grant

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine won a $3.8 million grant to expand the number of doctors focused on the medical and social issues impacting underserved Baltimore City residents.

The five-year grant, part of $320 million in funding available under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), is designed to expand primary care residency programs throughout the nation.

The grant to Hopkins will create the Osler Urban Health Residency Track, part of Hopkins' primary care arm, the Osler Medical Housestaff Training Program.

As part of the program, four residents at the university will undergo three years of training in the Department of Medicine, with a focus on addressing the growing medical needs of underserved populations. The new track will partner with its sister program, the combined internal medicine-pediatrics urban health residency program. That program began training four residents in July.

The federal grant will cover the costs of the residents' salaries, malpractice and health insurance, and expenditures for recruitment and residency-related activities.

After three years of training in internal medicine, the graduates will receive full tuition from the Baltimore Medical System to earn a master's degree in public health, business administration, or a similar advanced degree in an area of interest while practicing part-time as primary care physicians at BMS.

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