To: Applicants to the Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering Gateways to the Laboratory Program

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We are pleased to send you an application form and information regarding the Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering Gateways to the Laboratory Program. The enclosed brochure provides a brief description of the Program as well as directions for how to apply. PLEASE READ THE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY AND BE SURE TO SEND THE ITEMS REQUESTED TO THE TRI-INSTITUTIONAL MD-PHD PROGRAM OFFICE SO THAT WE RECEIVE THEM BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 1.

In order to be eligible for the Program, you must be a member of an underrepresented minority group (see application for a listing) who is currently in his/her freshman or sophomore years of college. Preference is given to students with a grade point average of B (3.0) or above.

A Screening Committee reviews all applications in mid-February. Decisions on admissions to the Gateways to the Laboratory Program and laboratory assignments are made shortly thereafter. If selected, this will give you a sufficient amount of time to acquire some familiarity with the research being conducted in the laboratory you will be assigned to.

The Gateways to the Laboratory Program is committed to training future physician-scientists. During the ten-week program, you will work on your own research project in a laboratory at either the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, The Rockefeller University or the Sloan-Kettering Institute. During that time, you will also go on rounds with physicians of the Department of Medicine at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital. You will be taught how to present your research in a written, oral and poster format. We will give you study tips for the MCATs, teach you the art of applying to MD-PhD programs and writing a scientific curriculum vitae, and we will send you on mock MD-PhD interviews.

We look forward to receiving your completed application.