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Academic Programs and Global University Guidance

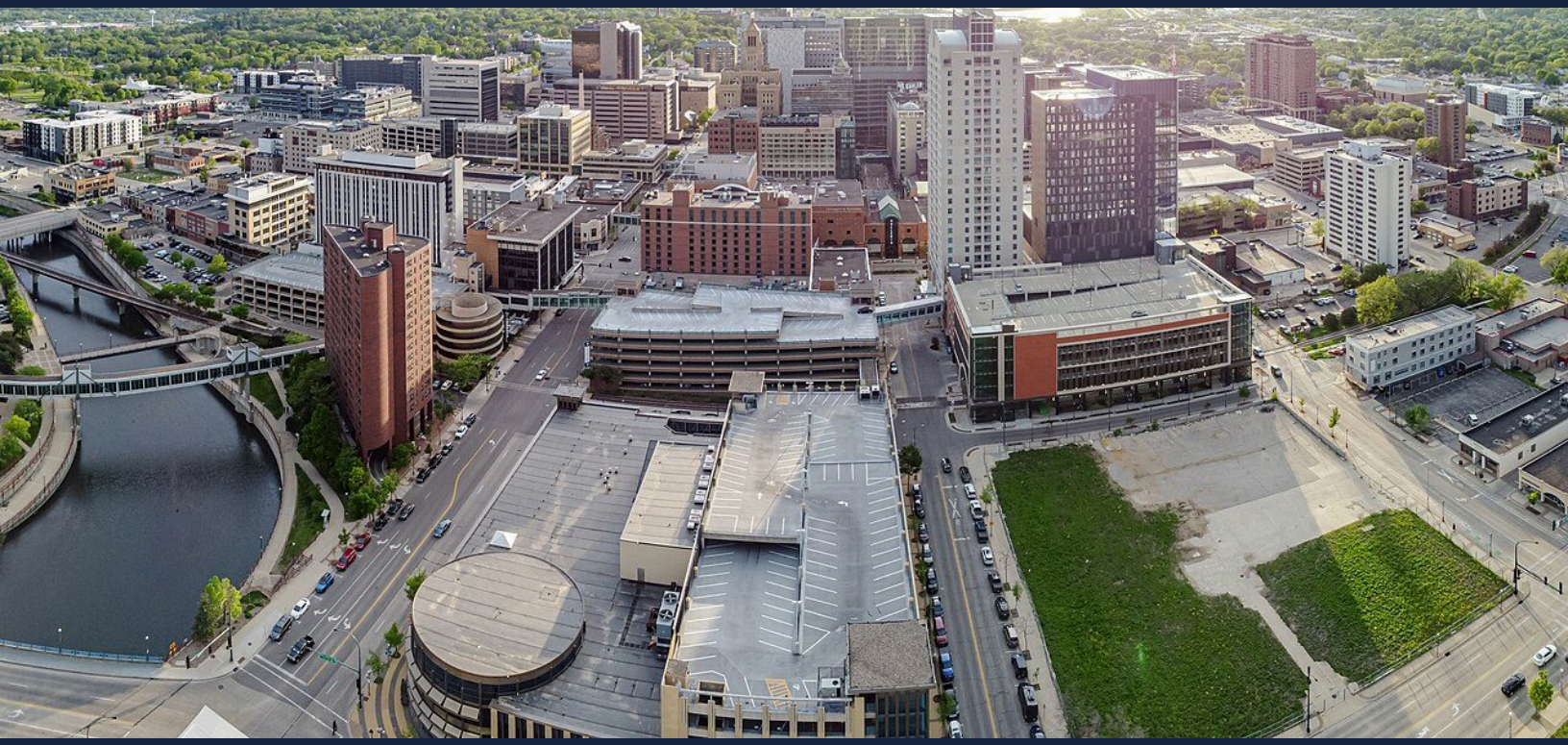
SUMMER 2027

Rochester, Minnesota

A TWELVE-DAY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM IN AMERICA'S MEDICAL CITY

MEDFELLOWS

The Business of Medicine



Medicine | Simulation | Medical Technology | The Business of Medicine | Leadership

12 to 23 June 2027 · 12 Days

Residential, in Rochester, Minnesota, home of Mayo Clinic
Twenty students from around the world, selective admissions
Physicians, scientists and founders from Rochester's medical economy

Where future physicians learn how medicine works

Invest in Your Child's Future in Medicine

The world's No. 1 hospital isn't in New York. *Or Tokyo.* It's in Rochester, Minnesota.

Mayo Clinic has been named the world's best hospital by Newsweek for eight years running.

Medicine is a calling. It is also one of the world's largest and most inventive enterprises, built on simulation, diagnostics, devices and data. Students who plan to spend a decade preparing for it deserve to see the whole of it before they commit.

MedFellows brings twenty students to Rochester for twelve supervised, residential days: simulation sessions, medical technology companies, physicians, scientists and founders, and a team capstone judged by people who do this work.



Mayo Clinic, downtown Rochester. Photo: Tony Webster, CC BY 2.0

THE PROGRAM	THE COHORT	THE CITY	THE OUTCOME
12 days, residential	**20 students, selective**	**Home of Mayo Clinic**	**A judged capstone**

Why This Matters Now: The Strategic Value of MedFellows

University applications
A distinctive, verifiable experience that shows initiative and genuine interest in medicine.

An informed choice
Students see medicine as a system before they commit years to it.

Leadership
A full CliftonStrengths day and coaching, then a team capstone that puts it to work.

A global cohort
Twenty students from around the world, selective admissions.

> *"The experience I received from AUSA Summer Program was directly responsible for my receiving a full-ride Presidential Scholarship from Alma College."*
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> Ditee, 2025 Participant

> *"The growth I saw from my child was remarkable. I am confident now that he will be successful at NYU."*
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> Subrah, Parent, Delhi

Twelve Days in America's Medical City

A carefully structured academic experience built around five themes that define modern medicine, taught through workshops, hands-on simulation, site visits, conversations with practitioners and a team project. One program, in the city that medicine built.



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Five Themes, One Capstone

Medicine and Simulation
Hands-on sessions with high-fidelity manikins, in groups of ten.

The Business of Medicine
How a frontier town built the world's leading hospital, and the economics of destination medicine.

Medical Technology
Biotech labs, diagnostics, device manufacturing, and the founders building Rochester's next companies.

Leadership
A full-day CliftonStrengths workshop, then strengths-based coaching.

Health and Community
How a medical city is planned and financed, and who it serves.

The Capstone
Four teams of five draw a live brief and present it to a judging panel, recorded and livestreamed for parents.

Beyond the Classroom

Students go inside Rochester's medical economy at Discovery Square, the Technology Campus and Collider, the city's founder community. They walk downtown's skyways, tour the Mayowood Historic Home and walk the paths around Silver Lake.

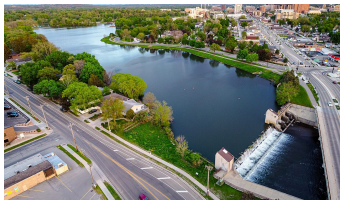
The program closes with a farewell dinner cruise on the Mississippi, then a final morning at The Bakken Museum in Minneapolis, the story of the first wearable pacemaker, and Mall of America on the way to the airport.



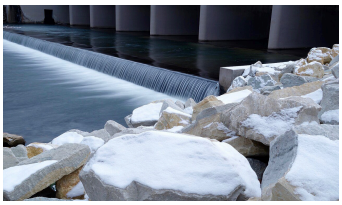
Our students live across the street from Saint Mary's, the original Mayo Clinic hospital. Postcard, 1910.



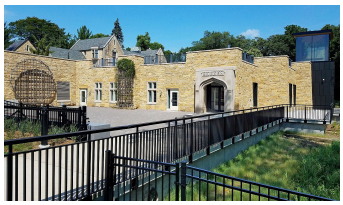
The Plummer Building. Photo: w_lemay, CC BY-SA 2.0



Silver Lake



The Mayowood estate. Photo: Tony Asleson, CC BY-SA 2.0



The Bakken Museum. Photo: McGhiever, CC BY-SA 4.0

Where Your Child Will Live and Learn



An adult staff member in every suite.
Not a dorm.

The Berkman, Home Base

Students live in furnished apartment suites at The Berkman, 217 14th Avenue SW, directly across the street from Saint Marys Hospital. Suites have full kitchens and in-suite laundry, and each is home to a small group of students and the adult staff member who lives with them.

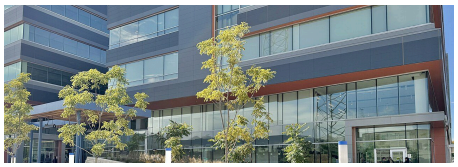
Breakfast is in the suites; lunches and dinners are taken together. The Berkman also hosts patients and families visiting Mayo Clinic, so our students keep a quiet building, a daily lesson in whom a medical city serves.







Rochester as Campus



Downtown and Discovery Square
The academic heart. Photo: w_lemay, CC BY-SA 2.0



The Saint Marys neighborhood
Home.



The Technology Campus
A dedicated company day.

A free hospital shuttle links Saint Marys with downtown, and students travel in supervised groups of no more than ten, or by Uber XL with an adult in every car. Rochester is a compact, walkable, English-speaking city of about 120,000 people whose life revolves around medicine. Families fly into Rochester (RST) or Minneapolis–Saint Paul (MSP), and the program meets every arrival.

Supervision and Safety

- An adult staff member resident in every suite, every night
- Suites separated by sex; evening curfew and nightly check-ins
- Background checks and a written safeguarding policy for all adults
- A patient privacy briefing on Day 1; no photographs in clinical spaces
- A program lead on call 24 hours a day
- All visits and excursions supervised by program staff
- An emergency department directly across the street
- Medication logged and held by staff, with medical forms on file

People and Signature Experiences

Students learn directly from physicians, scientists, executive coaches and the founders building Rochester's medical economy.

Speakers



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Brent Bauer

Physician in internal medicine with over 20 years of experience at Mayo Clinic in leadership roles. Opens the program with a talk on sleep, alertness and performance, livestreamed for families.

Organizers



CONVENER

Sheila Bauer

CEO and Co-Founder of AUSA, and convener of the MedFellows program. A serial education entrepreneur, Sheila serves on the boards of the International Automotive Hall of Fame and the Michigan Colleges Alliance. She is a graduate, magna cum laude, of the Cornell Hotel School (SC Johnson College of Business).



PROGRAM DESIGN

Ray Ravaglia

Founder of leading academic programs: Stanford Summer Institutes, Stanford Online High School, Dwight Global, The School of The New York Times. Designed the MedFellows curriculum and capstone.

Signature Experiences

LEADERSHIP INTENSIVE

CliftonStrengths

A certified Gallup strengths coach leads the full-day "Leadership from the Inside Out" workshop, followed by a strengths-based coaching clinic.

SIMULATION

Hands-on Simulation

Sessions at Winona State University's nursing simulation lab in Rochester, with high-fidelity newborn, child, adult and birthing manikins. Groups of ten.

FOUNDERS AND COMPANIES

Inside the Medical Economy

A founder session at Collider, briefings from Discovery Square companies, and a company day at Vyriad and Imanis in biotech and Benchmark Electronics in device manufacturing.

FIRESIDES AND JUDGING

Medicine, AI and Data

Evening conversations with physician-innovators and researchers on artificial intelligence, diagnostics and ethics. Capstone judges come from medicine, industry and AUSA faculty.



Discovery Square. Photo: w_lemay, CC BY-SA 2.0



Skyways at Mayo Clinic, downtown Rochester. Photo: Tony Webster, CC BY-SA 2.0

Speakers, hosts and sites are being confirmed for Summer 2027. The final lineup will be confirmed before enrollment.

Itinerary at a Glance

Day and date	Theme	Highlights
1 · Sat, Jun 12	**Arrival and Welcome**	Arrivals at RST and MSP, met by staff; check-in at The Berkman; welcome dinner and orientation
2 · Sun, Jun 13	**Settling In**	Keynote address by Dr. Brent Bauer, livestreamed for families; Silver Lake walk; Mayowood Historic Home tour
3 · Mon, Jun 14	**Medicine, Inc.**	The history of medicine in Rochester; keynote on destination medicine; capstone teams formed; AI fireside
4 · Tue, Jun 15	**Leadership from the Inside Out**	Full-day CliftonStrengths workshop; capstone roles assigned within each team
5 · Wed, Jun 16	**Coaching and Simulation**	Strengths coaching clinic; afternoon simulation at Winona State University's nursing lab
6 · Thu, Jun 17	**The Medical City**	How a medical city is planned and financed; afternoon simulation session
7 · Fri, Jun 18	**Labs and Discovery Square**	The reference laboratory as a global business; Discovery Square company briefings
8 · Sat, Jun 19	**Founders and Reflection**	Capstone work session; founder session at Collider; supervised downtown free time; mid-program reflection
9 · Sun, Jun 20	**Capstone Sprint**	Full capstone studio; civic and health-equity walk downtown; evening fireside with a Rochester founder
10 · Mon, Jun 21	**Company Day**	Technology Campus: Vyriad and Imanis biotech labs; Benchmark Electronics manufacturing walk; presentation rehearsals
11 · Tue, Jun 22	**Judged Capstone and Farewell**	Presentations to the judging panel, livestreamed; awards and certificates; farewell dinner cruise on the Mississippi
12 · Wed, Jun 23	**Departure**	Check-out; The Bakken Museum, Minneapolis; Mall of America; evening flights home from MSP

Provisional schedule, subject to revision.

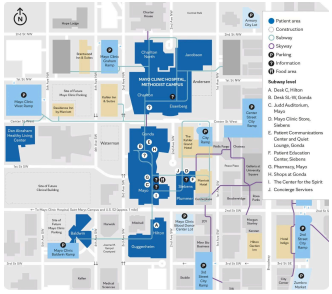
A Typical Program Day

MORNING
Workshops and sessions.

AFTERNOON
Simulation, site visits or capstone studio time.

EVENING
Firesides and group dinners, then downtime back at The Berkman.

Students move as a supervised group on foot, by shuttle and by Uber XL. The full academic schedule begins on Monday, 14 June.



Downtown at a glance. Map: Mayo Clinic



Downtown Rochester and the Zumbro River

The downtown campus is linked by skyways and a pedestrian subway. Saint Marys, and home, is about a mile to the west.

Program Details and Investment

PROGRAM FEE

US$6,500

per student · all-inclusive · 12 days

Financial aid is available for admitted students facing difficult or unusual financial circumstances. Families tick a box on the application to be considered.

Everything Included

- Accommodation at The Berkman (11 nights)
- All meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Simulation sessions and company visits
- Cultural excursions and farewell dinner cruise
- Adult staff resident in every suite
- Airport transfers and all local transport
- Welcome kit and pre-arrival materials
- CliftonStrengths assessment and coaching
- Certificate of completion
- Capstone livestream for parents

Not included: airfare to Rochester (RST) or Minneapolis (MSP), visa fees, and each student's own accident and medical insurance, which is required. **Visa support and refund for international students:** AUSA issues an invitation letter to support each visa application, and refunds the program in full if a US visa is refused before 1 March 2027.

Dates and Payment

EARLY DECISION DEADLINE

20 December 2026

Strongly encouraged for students who need a US visa. Application fee waived.

REGULAR DEADLINE

19 March 2027

US$100 application fee.

DEPOSIT AND BALANCE

US$1,500, then US$5,000

Deposit within 14 days of acceptance; balance by 1 April 2027. Payment link sent on acceptance.

Key Facts

Dates	Saturday, 12 June to Wednesday, 23 June 2027
Duration	12 days · 11 nights
Location	Rochester, Minnesota, USA
Housing	The Berkman, 217 14th Avenue SW, across from Saint Marys Hospital
Eligibility	Rising juniors and seniors, ages 16 to 18 at the time of travel
Capacity	20 students from any country, selective admissions
Supervision	Adult staff in every suite · 24/7 on-call program lead
Credential	Certificate of completion (no academic credit)

"The quality of the program staff was truly remarkable. I have never seen my daughter so excited about her future."

Akash, Parent, Delhi

SELECTIVE · BY APPLICATION

Take the Next Step

Applications are open for Summer 2027. Twenty places are available, and admission is selective. The application asks for three short essays, a transcript and a teacher recommendation.

The Road to Rochester

NOW
Watch the film and start the application

20 DEC 2026
Early decision deadline, strongly encouraged for students who need a US visa; application fee waived

ON ADMISSION
Invitation letter issued; deposit due within 14 days

19 MAR 2027
Regular deadline; US$100 application fee

12 JUN 2027
Arrive in Rochester

What the Application Asks For

1. Your details. You, your school, and a parent or guardian.

2. Three short essays. One of up to 500 words and two of up to 100 words.

3. Your transcript or mark sheet. The last two school years, as a PDF or photo.

4. A teacher recommendation. You name a teacher; we email them a short private form.

5. Parent or guardian consent. Given on the form before you submit.

You can save your work and return at any time.

Questions Parents Ask

Is health insurance required? Yes. Each student must have their own accident and medical insurance. It is not included in the program fee.

Does AUSA help with the US visa? Yes. AUSA issues an invitation letter to support each visa application, and refunds the program in full if a US visa is refused before 1 March 2027.

Can my child have a phone and contact home? Yes. Students may bring a phone and can contact home. They should also bring a laptop.

How are dietary needs handled? Families tell us about dietary needs at registration, and we ensure that each student's dietary needs are met.

WATCH THE FILM
bit.ly/MedFellows

APPLY AND LEARN MORE
medfellows.org

QUESTIONS
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