



**Family Medicine Residency  
E. Blair Warner Family Medicine Center**

**John Charles Bryant Fellowship Description**

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The Beacon Health System Foundation and the Memorial Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program announce a post-graduate service opportunity that provides Notre Dame pre-medical graduates with an exploration of the field of primary care and underserved medicine in the South Bend community through the E. Blair Warner Family Medicine Center. This yearlong health fellowship is designed to instill the core values of unconditional service, respect for the intrinsic dignity of every human person, and a commitment to working for social justice that were embodied by the late John Charles Bryant, a long-time patient of the Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program who dedicated his life to training new physicians and building up the city of South Bend.

John Charles Bryant was a descendent of one of the first African-American families in South Bend and contributed much to the city. A lover of history, he was active in multiple boards including the Northern Indiana Center for History and is responsible for building up a large portion of the center's Black history collection. His passing in 2022 left a void in the South Bend community and the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him. His community involvement and accomplishments are many, but his legacy extends beyond what can be listed in an obituary or a CV; his character and dedication to his fellow human and the education of countless family medicine residents will live on forever. Mr. Bryant was burdened with many medical ailments that increased in severity toward the end of his days. Caring for him was more than the typical patient-physician interaction. His love of life was infectious, and he instilled hope in all of those who had the privilege of caring for him. He certainly could have chosen to be cared for elsewhere, but deliberately continued to receive healthcare at E. Blair Warner clinic because of his desire to invest in the next generation of new physicians. For decades, he received a new resident physician every 1-3 years. He invested in the development of these residents and often would give them holiday gifts and make special efforts to get to know them personally. He lived his life by attempting to embody one of his favorite quotes: "The service you give is the price you pay for the space you occupy." Through this fellowship, we hope to honor his legacy in training soon to be physicians in the art of medicine and what it means to be a servant leader. The purpose of this position is to give a Notre Dame graduate pursuing the medical profession an opportunity to encounter the challenges faced by vulnerable and underserved individuals in the South Bend community and to begin equipping this graduate with tools to address the hardships the underserved encounter.



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This project is made possible through the Beacon Health System foundation, which provides the fellow with a stipend to cover living expenses (\$22,000 for the year). To receive the fellowship one must be a Notre Dame pre-medical graduate who either intends to advance to medical school in the near future or has elected to defer matriculation to medical school, opting for an immersive and experiential learning opportunity. The start date is on May 30, 2023.

In addition to ample exposure in working with medically underserved populations in South Bend, fellows will have direct exposure to faculty physicians, resident physicians, nurses, medical assistants, social workers, behavioral psychologists, clinical pharmacists, and administrative leadership. This will offer unique opportunities to form mentorship relationships and be integrally involved in clinical medicine. Fellows will participate in direct patient care through rooming patients, scribing for resident and faculty physicians, and engaging with population health projects. Each fellow will also be invited to work on a service project during their year that will be focused around improving care for underserved patient populations. While we anticipate this being driven by a fellow's particular interests, some unique aspects of the Memorial Residency which could be launching points for further projects include the residency's street medicine outreach, refugee resettlement health assessments, trauma-informed care curriculum, and the clinic's on site food pantry.



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**John Charles Bryant Fellowship Application Instructions**

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To be eligible for the John Charles Bryant Fellowship, the applicant must:

- Have graduated from the University of Notre Dame by May 30, 2023.
- Have applied to, or intend to apply to, medical school in the near future.
- Must be/have already enrolled in Preparing for Health Professions (SCPP 40001).
- Be able to arrange a one-year deferment from matriculation if currently on a waitlist or accepted to medical school.
- Be willing to commit to one full year of service at the E. Blair Warner Family Medicine Center.

The application process is as follows:

- Applications are available **December 6, 2022**.
- All application materials must be submitted via email to [jcbfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:jcbfellowship@gmail.com) on or before **February 17, 2023**.
- Not all applicants will be selected for interview. Applicants will be notified by email on or before **February 24, 2023** whether they have been selected for an interview.
- Interviews will be held **February 28 – March 03, 2023**.
- Announcement of the Award recipients will be made on or before **March 10, 2022**.

A completed application will include:

- The application form
- Official transcripts sent from schools the applicant has attended
- Typed responses to the essay question (approximately one to two pages double spaced, 12 pt. font)
- Two letters of recommendation
  1. From a Professor who can speak to the academic engagement of the applicant
  2. From a mentor/community agency/friend who can speak to the character of the applicant
- Any additional information or material the applicant feels would be of interest or importance to the selection committee.



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**I. Personal Information**

Full Name:  
Local Address:  
Mobile Phone:  
E-mail Address:  
Permanent Address:  
Permanent Phone:  
Best time and method of reaching you:  
Citizenship:  
Emergency Contact Name & Phone:

**II. Eligibility Information**

University of Notre Dame Class Year & Degree Earned:

Academic Major(s)/Concentration and Minor(s):

Have you applied to medical school?      YES    NO  
If no, what year do you anticipate medical school matriculation?

Have you been accepted to medical school?      YES    NO  
If yes, does your medical school have a deferment option?      YES    NO

If chosen as the Award recipient, could you begin your year of service on May 30, 2023?    YES    NO  
If no, what date?



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**III. Background Information**

Knowledge of languages other than English:

Assess your second language ability as Limited, Intermediate, Proficient, Advanced, or Fluent in each of the following categories:

Understanding:

Speaking:

Reading:

Listening:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (misdemeanor or felony), excluding minor traffic violations? If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.      YES      NO

Have you ever been disciplined for serious misconduct, suspended, or expelled from school? If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.      YES      NO

Is there anything else about you that you feel may interfere with a year-long placement at one of these sites? If yes, please explain.      YES      NO

Based on previous experience, do you anticipate any difficulties working with clients of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds? If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.      YES      NO



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**IV. Experience & Motivation**

What are your interests and/or hobbies?

What three words best describe you?

Please list any significant honors received, scholastic or otherwise:

Please list all work experiences and extracurricular activities in reverse chronological order (an updated resume or CV may be substituted):

What experiences and skills would you bring to the position?

What would you hope to take away from the experience?



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**V. Essay**

Please explain in 1-2 pages why you intend to pursue medicine, what your hopes are with having an immersive, year-long service and learning opportunity, and what draws you towards working with underserved populations?