

AMA Selects 31 Bold Medical Education Proposals to Continue to the Next Phase of \$10M Initiative to Transform the Way Future Physicians Are Trained

CHICAGO – March 19, 2013 – The American Medical Association (AMA) has announced that [31 innovative proposals](http://www.ama-assn.org/sub/accelerating-change/pdf/change-med-ed-full-proposal-list.pdf) (<http://www.ama-assn.org/sub/accelerating-change/pdf/change-med-ed-full-proposal-list.pdf>) have been selected from the initial pool of 119 applicants to move forward in the AMA’s \$10 million [Accelerating Change in Medical Education initiative](http://media.necision.com/1/befuwybj/www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/news/news/2013-01-17-accelerating-change-medical-education-grant-announcement.page) (<http://media.necision.com/1/befuwybj/www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/news/news/2013-01-17-accelerating-change-medical-education-grant-announcement.page>) aimed at transforming the way future physicians are trained.

“More than 80 percent of U.S. medical schools submitted brief letters of intent outlining their ideas to redesign medical education – an outstanding response that demonstrates medical schools are ready and willing to implement bold, transformative and innovative ideas,” said AMA President Jeremy A. Lazarus, M.D. “We’ve narrowed these initial applications down to 31 exciting ideas, and we look forward to reviewing the full proposals in the coming months to find the ones that can best align with the changing needs of our health care system.”

Out of the 141 eligible medical schools, 119 submitted letters of intent outlining their proposals in February. Using multiple reviewers with medical education expertise and standardized criteria, the applications from 28 individual schools and three collaborative groups of schools have been selected to submit full proposals. To view the full list of selected schools, visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/sub/accelerating-change/pdf/change-med-ed-full-proposal-list.pdf>.

The schools selected will develop a more comprehensive proposal outlining the specifics of their innovations and must submit their full proposals by May 15. The AMA, with the help of a national advisory panel, will select 8-10 grant awardees to be announced in June at the AMA’s semi-annual policymaking meeting in Chicago.

The AMA’s Accelerating Change in Medical Education initiative will provide \$10 million to fund the educational innovations envisioned by the grant awardees, which will shape the way we train future physicians. A critical component of the AMA’s initiative will be to establish a learning consortium with the selected schools to rapidly disseminate best practices to other medical and health profession schools.

For more information about the initiative and to view a short video, visit www.changemeded.org.

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