

RUUTE (Rural & Underserved Utah Training Experience) Programs

RUUTE Undergraduate Ambassadors:

Applications are now open for the RUUTE (Rural & Underserved Utah Training Experience) & Regional Affairs Undergraduate Ambassador Program through the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah. RUUTE (Rural and Underserved Utah Training Experience) & Regional Affairs puts on this two semester program designed for undergraduate students interested in the health sciences to build out their application ahead of applying to graduate level school. This program consists of one semester of professional development and creating health science based lesson plans with RUUTE Staff and Faculty and one semester of presenting their lesson plan to local middle schools. All meetings will be conducted on zoom and presentations will occur in the students' immediate communities, so students from all institutions are invited to apply. We will prioritize those students attending university in rural and underserved communities and those coming from a rural or underserved background. The application will close at the end of September.

The application for the Undergraduate Ambassador program is linked here:
https://utah.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Ti0tf9XpDAZoeq

RUUTE Scholars (this is for anyone CURRENTLY APPLYING to the University of Utah School of Medicine):

The Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah and RUUTE (Rural & Underserved Utah Training Experience) & Regional Affairs will accept up to 20 matriculated medical students into the RUUTE Scholars program each academic year. RUUTE Scholars aligns with our mission to improve medical education and training, health care access and the long-term socio-economic benefit for rural and underserved communities. We plan to act on this mission by expanding interest, awareness, and placement of students and physicians in rural and underserved areas. The RUUTE program defines rural as "A city or town that serves less than 50,000 people or is classified as non-urbanized by geographical location, resources, lifestyle, and/or service", and define underserved as "A community that has a shortage of healthcare, education, or services."

The specific required and recommended criteria for achieving the RUUTE Scholars designation is listed in each of the four areas of engagement: Academic, Community, Clinical, and Service. All students regardless of residency state are encouraged to apply to RUUTE Scholars if interested.

This program is for students currently applying to medical school. When completing the secondary application for the University of Utah School of Medicine, students will see the option to apply to RUUTE Scholars.