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IN RESPONSE, PLEASE REFER TO: 03222193

Mark J. Perry, Ph.D.



Via e-mail only at: mjperry@umich.edu

Dear Dr. Perry:

This refers to the complaint you filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), against the University of Pittsburgh, which we shall refer to as “the University” in this letter. You allege that the University discriminates on the bases of race, color and national origin by advertising and promoting a scholarship, namely, the Carey Andrew-Jaja, MD Visiting Elective Scholarship Program for 4th Year Students Under-Represented in Medicine, which we shall refer to as “the Scholarship” in this letter, which is exclusive to students of specified races and national origins.

OCR enforces Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and its implementing regulation, 34 C.F.R. Part 100. Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin by recipients of Federal financial assistance. As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department of Education, the University is subject to Title VI and its implementing regulations.

OCR will investigate this complaint because OCR has jurisdiction and the allegation was filed timely. Please note that opening the complaint for investigation in no way implies that OCR has made a determination on the merits of the complaint. During the investigation, OCR is a neutral fact-finder, collecting and analyzing relevant evidence from the Complainant, the University, and other sources, as appropriate. OCR will ensure that its investigation is legally sufficient and fully responds to the allegations in accordance with the provisions of the *Case Processing Manual*, available at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr/docs/ocrcpm.pdf>.

Please note the section on resolution of a complaint prior to the conclusion of an investigation. If the recipient expresses an interest in resolving the complaint and OCR determines that resolution of the complaint prior to the completion of the investigation is

appropriate, OCR may attempt to negotiate an agreement with the recipient pursuant to Section 302 of the Case Processing Manual.

Please be advised that the University must not harass, coerce, intimidate, discriminate, or otherwise retaliate against an individual because that individual asserts a right or privilege under a law enforced by OCR or files a complaint, testifies, or participates in an OCR proceeding. If this happens, the individual may file a retaliation complaint with OCR.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. If OCR receives such a request, we will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personal information that, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

If you have any questions, please contact investigator Josh Galiotto at 215-656-8587 or joshua.galiotto@ed.gov.

Sincerely,



Christina M. Haviland
Supervisory Attorney