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Subject: Please Investigate St. Louis University for Violating Title VI

Dear Kansas City Office for Civil Rights:

This is a federal civil rights complaint vs. **St. Louis University** (University) for illegal race-based discrimination in violation of Title VI. Specifically, the University operates, promotes, advertises and funds the racially discriminatory program [Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine](#), which as the program name indicates discriminates against a significant number of medical students on the basis of their race, skin color and national origin.

According to the [program's application website](#) (bold added):

To be eligible to apply, you must: Identify as a member of a **group underrepresented in medicine**. Per the Association of American Medical Colleges AAMC:

- “Underrepresented in medicine means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population.” This lens currently includes students who identify as **African Americans and/or Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians), Pacific Islander, and mainland Puerto Rican**.

The University is currently accepting applications for this racially discriminatory program until September 30, 2022.

In violation of Title VI, medical students who are not members of one of the five designated racial/ethnic groups above in bold including non-eligible medical students who are white, Middle Eastern (e.g., Iranian, Turkish, Israeli, Arab, Armenian, etc.), Asian Indian, Chinese, Taiwanese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Korean, Malaysian, Burmese, Laotian, Pakistani, Cambodian, Filipino, Sri Lankan, Malaysian, Singaporean, Hmong, Bangladeshi, Indonesian and all other Asian medical students are illegally excluded from the University's “Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine” and illegally discriminated against on the basis of their race, color, and national origin. Please investigate the University for violating Title VI's prohibition of race-based discrimination.

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