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Dear San Francisco Office for Civil Rights:

This is a federal civil rights complaint vs. the **University of Southern California (University)** for its illegal race-based discrimination in violation of [Title VI](#). Specifically, the University's Keck School of Medicine operates the racially discriminatory [Keck School of Medicine Diversity in Medicine Visiting Clerkship Award](#). According to the University's website:

The Department of Emergency Medicine, Office of the Dean and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the Keck School of Medicine are excited to introduce the Diversity in Medicine Visiting Clerkship Award, which provides support for fourth year **underrepresented in medicine (URiM) medical students** to participate in visiting student clerkships at our institution.

The Keck School defines **URiM** as being from racial/ethnic groups traditionally underrepresented in medicine, including **black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American/Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander**.

The [application link for the discriminatory program](#) provides additional evidence that eligibility is restricted to only those four racial/ethnic categories in bold above:

This scholarship is specifically awarded to individuals that have been traditionally * underrepresented in medicine. Do you identify as any of these traditionally underrepresented groups?

- Black/African-American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American/Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- None of the above

In violation of Title VI, medical students who are not members of one of those four designated racial/ethnic groups above in bold e.g., 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, Korean, Pakistani, Cambodian, Filipino, Sri Lankan, Malaysian, Singaporean, Laotian, Bangladeshi, Indonesian and all other Asian medical students are illegally excluded from the University's "**Keck School of Medicine Diversity in Medicine Visiting Clerkship Award**" and illegally discriminated against on the basis of their race, color, and national origin. Please investigate the University for illegal race-based discrimination in violation of Title VI.

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