

Dear Kansas City OCR:

Please investigate the **University of Kansas** (University) for illegally discriminating on the basis of race, color, and national origin in violation of Title VI. Specifically, the University's Medical Center offers, advertises, and promotes the racially discriminatory [Urban Scholars Program for Students Underrepresented in Medicine](#) which as the program name suggests and as the program's race-based eligibility restrictions confirm this program operates exclusively for certain underrepresented groups while illegally excluding other groups of students on the basis of their race, color, national origin, and sexual orientation.

In the [University's own words](#) "Applicants must be a member of a population that is underrepresented in medicine (as defined by the Admissions Committee, including **Native American, Black or African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Cambodian, Laotian, or Vietnamese**).

This [University press release](#) provides additional evidence that this program illegally restricts eligibility on the basis of race, color, and national origin: "Candidates must also be a member of a population underrepresented in medicine, which for this program includes: **Native American, Black or African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Cambodian, Laotian or Vietnamese.**"

In violation of Title VI students who are not members of one of those six designated preferred racial/ethnic groups (e.g., non-eligible students who are white, Pacific Islander, Asian Indian, Chinese, Hmong, Taiwanese, Filipino, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Japanese and all other Asian students except for students who are Cambodian, Laotian or Vietnamese) are illegally excluded from the University's "Urban Scholars Program for Students Underrepresented in Medicine" and discriminated against on their basis of race, color and national origin. Please investigate the University for illegal race-based discrimination in violation of Title VI.

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