The benefits of having a racially diverse physician work force are indisputable. Racial and ethnic minorities are among the fastest growing communities in America and continue to face staggering health disparities. Minority physicians are more equipped to provide care to minority, underserved, low-income and disadvantaged populations. Recruitment of underrepresented minorities to training programs is a vital factor for increasing racial diversity in the physician work force. This is on the agenda for many medical schools around the nation as well as the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

The Department of Surgery along with the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery are firmly committed to training surgical leaders for future generations. Until there is more than symbolic minority representation among medical leadership, there will not be a substantial evolution of the profession.

The Medical Student Diversity Grant has been set up through the Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy to support medical students interested in pursuing a career in general surgery and vascular surgery. This four-week clerkship will focus on exposing students to advanced vascular and endovascular therapies in the setting of a large quaternary referral campus centered in Aurora, Colorado where over 100 languages are spoken. Interested students should contact us for further details of this unique opportunity. Funding includes a stipend to cover housing and travel costs.

Application deadline: March 10, 2017