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Dear Teachers, Guidance Counselors, & Students;

Young Women in Bio Metro NY is thrilled to announce the start of recruiting for the sixth year of the highly popular Weill Cornell Medicine Mentorship program for female high school students interested in careers in medicine.

The recruitment criteria and process is straightforward. We are seeking students who:

- Show strong interest and excellence in science and medicine
- Are service-oriented and demonstrate empathy
- Are seeking mentors for guidance in pursuing a career in medicine
- Can demonstrate a commitment to participate in a long term program focused on medicine

Applicants should write a short essay addressing the following:

1. Describe why you are interested in science and medicine (1-2 paragraphs).
2. What do you hope to gain and learn from your medical student mentors?
3. How you have demonstrated this interest, including course work, volunteering, jobs, etc.
4. What other interests do you have and outside activities do you participate in? (1 paragraph)
5. Grade and name of school.

We generally can accept up to 30 students and ask schools to select their top candidates to apply. We give priority to rising seniors and juniors, although we do accept some younger high school students.

The Program: Participants are mentored by first-year WCM students about preparing for medical school, going through school, and working as doctors.

There are 3 on-site mandatory events held after school at Weill Cornell Medicine, in May 2020, October 2020 and February 2021. Students will meet WCM faculty, engage in “speed-dating” to learn about different medical specialties, and visit a gross anatomy laboratory, among other activities. The programs

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generally run from 5-7 pm, and while we do not have firm dates yet, accepted applicants are expected to be able to commit to attend all three of these events.

Please spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for high school girls and, of course, feel free to contact YWIB Metro NY if questions.

And, if you don't know us, Women in Bio Metro NY Chapter is an off-shoot of the national [Women in Bio](#) networking organization. Our 8-year-old chapter introduces NYC-area middle and high school girls to leading STEM scientists, entrepreneurs and professionals and to the cutting-edge science that drives innovation and advancement. We're part of a larger, nation-wide organization of life science professionals and scientists who want to encourage the ambitions of the next generation of young girls and inform them about the exciting, rewarding opportunities available to them via STEM careers.

Stay tuned for information on some exciting upcoming winter-spring programs. We are nailing down dates for our popular, perennial surgical robotics program at NYU Langone; DNA laboratory at Rockefeller University, and entrepreneurship program at The Alexandria LaunchLabs. We also have some new programs in the works, which we can't wait to share once the dates are set!

IMPORTANT NOTE: The applications are due 4/08/2020 and selection will be made by 4/26. Send all applications directly to wldiller@gmail.com and newyorkwib@womeninbio.org.

Sincerely,

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