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Subject: Scholarly opportunity for your students

I am the residency program director at Kaiser Permanente Napa-Solano and the author of some of the board review books that your students use. I am working to create a completely free USMLE question bank in an effort to address the access gap to board prep materials and to help decrease the cost of medical education. I am writing to ask if you would kindly forward along an opportunity for your students to participate in some scholarly activity developing board review questions I already am working with hundreds of students from across the country, but would like to involve even more students. If you could pass along the following message I would be most appreciative. Thank you in advance!

Dr. Ted O'Connell, medical director at the Kaiser Napa-Solano Family Medicine Residency Program and author of USMLE Secrets and the Crush series of board review books, has a scholarly writing and CV building opportunity he'd like to share with you. He is helping to develop board review questions for a free USMLE Step 1 question bank.

He is already working with over 200 medical students on this and is looking to broadcast the initiative more broadly.

He is looking for first through fourth year students, particularly those with an interest in writing and academic medicine, though anyone interested is welcome.

As students, you are welcome to participate at any level of involvement you like as there is not a minimum time commitment nor a minimum number of questions. You will receive recognition online for writing even a single question, though if you write 10 questions or more you will be identified as "Founding Contributors" to this free question bank. The development of this question bank will be a rolling project, so there is no deadline or end date at this point.

This project is an opportunity for you to add a scholarly activity to your CV while learning to write USMLE-style questions, and hopefully solidifying your medical knowledge in the process. The project can also lead to other writing opportunities for those who are interested. As this question bank will be completely free for all students to use, he does not have a budget to provide students with financial compensation for work done.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. O'Connell directly.

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