

# SMI 2009 Faculty Application

Apply online at [www.thesmi.org](http://www.thesmi.org) or submit a completed application by April 3rd to:  
The Summer Medical Institute,  
Family Practice Residency, 2222 Benwood St.  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
Phone: 956-389-2448 Fax: 956-389-2498  
Email us a digital photo at  
[familypractice@valleybaptist.net](mailto:familypractice@valleybaptist.net)

**Please indicate your week of preference:**  
(Sun./Mon. arrival, Sunday departure preferred)

\_\_\_ 7/4 to 7/10 → Orientation 1<sup>st</sup> half  
\_\_\_ 7/11 to 7/17 1 = first choice  
\_\_\_ 7/18 to 7/24 2 = second choice  
\_\_\_ 7/25 to 7/31 \* = only choice  
x = ruled out

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
Home City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you desire to bring your family to the SMI (if so, whom)? \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Practice Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Office City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Contact (Secretary/ Office Manager) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical License Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional states where licensed \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional state license numbers \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you currently involved in any malpractice litigation? \_\_\_\_\_

Church Home and Denomination \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Church City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are You a Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Offices/Activities in Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you proficient in Spanish? \_\_\_\_\_

Relate how and when you became a Christian: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the basis for your salvation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Explain why you want to serve as SMI Faculty. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Briefly describe any opportunities you have had that may be relevant to your SMI participation (i.e. fellowships, cross cultural exposure, ministry experience): \_\_\_\_\_  
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In addition to the informal teaching and mentoring that takes place during the week, would you be willing to teach SMI students in a workshop or small group setting? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you are willing and if this is a need for the curriculum, we will contact you to discuss specifics.)

**Please list two references who can be contacted for recommendations:**

**Professional:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

1. Thank you for your willingness to apply for SMI Faculty. All applications are due by April 3rd and are subject to the approval of the SMI Application Committee.
2. You will be notified of a decision no later than April 10th. If accepted, you must then confirm with us the exact dates of attendance so that we can make final preparations for your arrival.
3. You will NOT need to pursue temporary licensure for the Summer Medical Institute.

## IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ THIS PAGE BEFORE YOU SIGN:

What a person believes is the foundation for both life and ministry. The following are Christian tenets to which the SMI leadership ascribes. If you disagree with any of these, please explain your differences on a separate sheet.

1. The Bible is the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (John 10:30)
3. These are central truths of the Christian faith: The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory. (Jn 1:1-5; Phil. 2:5-11, 1 Cor 15:1-6)
4. Believing in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone results in salvation; Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. (Titus 3:4-7; Eph. 2:8-9; John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
5. The Holy Spirit's present ministry and indwelling enables the Christian to live in fellowship with God. (Gal. 5:16-23; 1 John 1:3-4)

The commitment of the Summer Medical Institute is "to serve and not to be served." Serving in ministry means you sometimes submit to the needs of others even in areas of biblical freedom. Paul is a model of this (Romans 14 – 15:6). Serving with the SMI means you agree to the following:

1. I am willing to set aside personal preferences, habits and schedules to fulfill the ministry of the SMI.
2. I understand there are variations in practice and understanding of Scripture in some areas of Christian living. In serving with SMI, I will abide by the standards of the SMI in all areas including dress, entertainment, activities, etc. This includes a willing agreement to abstain from the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco for the duration of the SMI, and being sensitive to cultural, regional, church and SMI expectations and standards. See the enclosed "Policies and Procedures" page for a description of SMI expectations and standards.
3. I will seek to provide excellent medical care and to present Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

I have read the SMI application and accept its provisions and agree to live, work and serve in accordance with them. I, the undersigned, also realize that in accepting a term of volunteer service, it is with the clear understanding that SMI does not assume responsibility for loss of my property, damage to the same, personal harm or illness that may come to those who travel with me or myself. I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, in consideration of my admission to volunteer service and other good and valuable considerations, do hereby release and forever discharge SMI, the Valley Baptist Health System and the Valley Baptist Family Practice Residency from liability for any claim or demand that I or my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns might otherwise assert upon the basis of any of the foregoing. In volunteering, I recognize that I do not become an agent or employee of SMI in rendering my services and I agree to hold SMI harmless from any claim that might arise out of any acts performed by me while serving as an SMI volunteer.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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Applicant for Summer Medical Institute, Volunteer Service

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Last 4 digits of Social Security No.



# SMI Faculty Info Sheet

## Who Are We?

The Summer Medical Institute trains health professions students to put their faith into practice. Our goal is to challenge and equip a generation of healthcare professionals to utilize their God-given skills as a vehicle for expressing the life of Jesus Christ through compassionate and excellent medical care.

The SMI began in 1992 when 35 students primarily from the Medical College of Georgia went to Philadelphia to invest their summer growing in their faith in Christ while serving the medical and spiritual needs of the North Philadelphia community. Working in partnership with local churches and Esperanza Health Center, a Christian health clinic, the SMI addressed many medical and spiritual needs. After nine summers in North Philadelphia, SMI moved to the Rio Grande Valley in 2001. This SMI involved a multi-faceted approach to training including community-based health education and outreach campaigns on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

### 2001-2007 Medical Results

- Over 3,000 Doors knocked on in Texas
- 1,500 Hypertension Screenings
- 900 Diabetes Screening
- 5,300 Patients treated in Mexico clinics

## What do we Do?

### Activities

Above all else, the SMI is a leadership institute, providing life-changing training and experiences to its participants. Through workshops led by visiting faculty, discipleship groups, bible study, and personal application, students develop a deeper understanding of biblical medicine while growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ and with their peers. Under the leadership of the Valley Baptist Family Practice Residency, the SMI offers a health-fair style event in Texas communities as well as door-to-door canvassing to provide expanded healthcare services and follow-up.

Our health care interventions focus on hypertension and diabetes screenings and other preventive healthcare interventions. Integrated into our health survey are questions assessing people's spiritual needs. These often lead to opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In Mexico, students and faculty run church-based clinics offering free health screenings, limited medical services and preventive health education along with gospel outreach.

SMI participants live and eat together at a dorm in Harlingen. SMI faculty and staff also live on site, providing wonderful opportunities for relationships and mentoring. Each student participates in a discipleship group with three or four peers for deeper Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. As a faculty member, you are invited to participate in all SMI activities with the students.

## Funding

The SMI is a non-profit ministry with a broad-based network of support from individuals, corporations, and churches. While the SMI staff contacts alumni and some former supporters, about two-thirds of the SMI's budget each year comes from individuals whom faculty and student participants choose to contact. As part of the SMI experience, every student joins in the faith-building process of support raising, trusting God to raise \$2,300.00 for their ministry. You are welcome to raise money, but it is not required. As a faculty member, you and your family's housing, weekday meals, local transportation and SMI materials are provided, but you should bring spending money for weekend meals, recreational activities, and personal incidentals. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from Harlingen, which our office staff can help arrange if you desire. Since we go to Mexico on Saturdays and have our free days on Mondays, faculty are encouraged to arrive on Sunday or Monday and depart the following Sunday if possible.

# Summer Medical Institute Faculty 101

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We are so thankful that you are coming down to SMI this year. We could not disciple students without living examples of healthcare professionals seeking to live for God's purposes. Below are some basics of life at SMI, to help you come as prepared as possible. If you have any concerns or special needs, never hesitate to contact us at [familypractice@valleybaptist.net](mailto:familypractice@valleybaptist.net) or call 956-389-2448.

## Travel Arrangements:

- We encourage you to arrive on a Sunday if possible. Saturdays we are in Mexico, and Sunday is a day of rest. We would love to worship with you on a Sunday if you can join us (it might be easier to join us on a Sunday at the end of your stay).
- As you arrange your travel arrangements, please keep us informed so we will know when to pick you up. Southwest and Continental both fly to Harlingen Airport (HRL). Travel is at your expense, but you are welcome to raise support with us to cover your ticket.
- We will pick you up from the Harlingen airport, which is only 5 minutes from our dorm. Be sure to turn your cell phone back on upon landing.

## Arrival:

Student registration will begin Friday afternoon July 4th, followed by a few days of orientation and training. Faculty will be arriving at different times, usually for a stay of one week.



## Housing & Food:

- We will live in a dorm at the Valley Baptist Missions and Education Center. Conditions are rather "rustic" but eager for you to put your personal touches on your rooms. Friends can write to you at: 3700 E. Harrison, Harlingen, TX 78550
- You will room with other faculty (or your family) in a 2-room suite, sharing a bathroom. Rooms have air conditioning units.
- Harlingen has a Wal-Mart and Target for anything you forget. Smaller adult sizes are

less available.

- All meals are provided, except Sunday lunch and dinners. There is also a refrigerator in the dorm for snacks, special diet needs, etc.
- Coin-operated laundry facilities are on-site (SMI provides detergent and can exchange quarters for you).

## Local Transportation:

- We plan to rent 15-passenger vans for our local transportation. You're welcome to bring your own car if you wish. Please let us know immediately if you would like to have your car with you in Harlingen.
- You are welcome to rent your own car for your own purposes. Vans are constantly in use by the students.



## What to Bring

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### For Outreaches into Mexico:

A Passport or Passport Card.

- Please bring your own diagnostic equipment, such as stethoscopes, otoscope, ophthalmoscope, etc.
- While in the community, we will dress as working professionals, while also staying cool in the extreme heat. Plan to wear loose cotton clothing that's also modest: *In Texas we will be wearing our white coats. Men should wear long pants (khakis ok, no jeans) and a collared shirt and women should wear pants (khakis and capris ok, no jeans), long skirts, or dresses for our outreaches. In Mexico we will be wearing scrubs or a white coat, please let us know.*
- Comfortable shoes are essential. Open toe shoes and sandals may not be worn on outreaches for safety reasons, but are fine for other occasions.
- It will be hot! Sunscreen, water bottle, hat, sunglasses are essentials. Handkerchiefs to wipe off sweat are handy.



### For Life at SMI:

- You should bring your Bible/journal and \$100 (for weekend meals, snacks, laundry, souvenirs, etc). Laundry detergent is provided. If you attend the S. Padre Retreat, you will need to bring an additional \$75 for the hotel.
- Bring toiletries and towels. Sheets, pillowcases, and pillows are all provided.
- You will want a "dressier" outfit if there are any special events. Churches tend to be casual dress. Skirts and dresses should fall past the knee.
- Bring a modest one-piece equivalent bathing suit if you wish to swim. You may be visiting the Harlingen swimming pool or South Padre Island's water park on free days
- Bring casual clothes (shorts, t-shirts) and exercise gear if you wish. The campus gym has weights and a basketball court. We do have decent amounts of free time for writing letters, listening to music, or playing games.
- Please bring your cell phone if you have one (and charger). There is wireless internet access if you wish to bring your laptop. Bring digital cameras and wires to download photos. We compile our pictures at the end of the trip for everyone.



## Your Role:

Faculty serve as powerful examples of what it looks like to live out the Christian faith in life and medicine. Students have testified over the years of how much that has affected them. We encourage you to initiate conversations and share from what God has taught you in your life. Students have many questions, but they may not direct conversations in that direction on their own. We also pray that you will be blessed and encouraged through these conversations.

In our Texas outreaches, you will not be required to see patients since you will not have Texas licensure or malpractice coverage. Our SMI Team is covered under the Valley Baptist Family Practice Residency (VBFPR) polices. However, you are welcome and encouraged to join the teams for the door-to-door health and spiritual screenings, looking for teaching and mentoring opportunities with the students and opportunities to share the gospel with our neighbors. You may occasionally be called on to make an informal consult or referral for a patient you meet, and there will almost always be a VBFPR physician on-site at all times.

In our Mexico outreaches, you will be seeing patients with a team including a student, a translator, and possibly a church member. You are free to make diagnoses, treatment plans, and prescribe whatever is available in our on-site pharmacy, while also looking for opportunities to teach and mentor the SMI Students and share the gospel with patients and their families.

### Christian Testimony:

We are committed to glorifying God with our actions and therefore ask that you refrain from any activities during SMI that could bring dishonor to His name or hinder others in their faith, including no alcohol and no smoking.

### Optional Support Raising:

- The SMI is completely a by-faith venture so we ask that you would pray with us for God's financial provision for SMI.
- Because you are coming to SMI at your own cost, it is not required for faculty to raise support. However, if you wish to raise support to cover some of your expenses, we can email you SMI support raising materials. Our staff is also always available to help you.
- Our office will periodically notify you of those who have given in your name so that you may thank them personally.

