

# AMA awards grants for medical education innovation

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Each school will be awarded \$1 million over five years to fund changes in medical education. The winners were chosen from 28 individual schools and three collaborative groups that were selected to submit proposals to a national advisory panel.

Among the selected proposals are models for competency-based student progression, total student immersion within the [health care system](#) from the first day of medical school, increased use of [health information](#)

[technology](#), and use of virtual patients. The winning schools include Indiana University School of Medicine; Mayo Medical School; New York University School of Medicine; Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine; Penn State College of Medicine; Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University; Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; University of California Davis School of Medicine; University of California San Francisco School of Medicine; University of Michigan [Medical School](#), and Vanderbilt University [School](#) of Medicine. The AMA notes that a critical component of the initiative will be to establish a learning consortium to rapidly disseminate best practices to other schools.

"We are thrilled to award funding to 11 medical schools for their bold, transformative proposals designed to close the gaps between how medical students are trained and how health care is delivered," Jeremy A. Lazarus, M.D., president of the AMA, said in a statement. "This AMA initiative will identify specific changes in [medical education](#) that can be applied in medical schools throughout the nation to enable students to thrive in a changing health care environment and improve the health of our nation's patients."

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