1. Please describe in a few sentences your involvement in improving medical education at Weill (examples may include EPOM/ HID reps, Clerkship/ AOC council, student government, etc.)

I serve on both the clerkship council and the LCME subcommittee for Teaching, Supervision, Assessment, and Student and Patient Safety. The former has been working to improve student-faculty interactions during clerkships and ensuring that students are assessed in a fair and standardized way. There is some discrepancy in the experiences of students on the very same clerkship and we have been interested in how to ensure an excellent educational experience for each student.

2. Please list your other commitments for the upcoming year, including: away rotations, intensive sub-internships or electives, additional extracurricular commitments

I will take my medicine sub-internship in July 2017, remain on the Clerkship Council and the LCME subcommittee, and continue to volunteer for the WCCHR and WCCC throughout my fourth year. I will not participate in any away rotations or international electives.

3. Please describe in a short paragraph (5-7 sentences max) why you are interested in becoming a CPPM

I found clerkships to be the most rewarding of my experiences at Weill to date. Not only did I learn more than in the pre-clinical phase of the curriculum, I learned some of the basic ‘know how’ that comprises the work of a physician. Academic medicine is an area that I would like to pursue, and I also saw first hand what it means to be a dedicated and skilled teacher.

Clerkships were, of course, a big adjustment, but I benefited greatly from the help of peers who had already competed theirs. They offered simple practical advice on how to interact with various members of a medical team, how best to prepare for shelf exams, etc. This new mentorship program is a wonderful way to ensure that more students can benefit from the type of advice that benefited me and I am excited by the opportunity to ‘pay it forward’.

I performed very strongly on my clinical rotation and have strong mentoring skills. I am friendly and approachable. I believe I am an ideal candidate for the peer mentorship program. Thank you for considering my application.