

Visiting Underrepresented Scholar Program

This document describes a scholarship program for fourth-year medical students interested in Emergency Medicine (EM) who have backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in medicine. Funding includes up to \$1500 for reimbursement of travel, housing, and application fees.

Program Description

Our visiting student program is designed to give students the opportunity to experience the outstanding training in the UC Davis Health System Emergency Department. Students will spend four weeks as acting interns in the Emergency Department. They will care for a variety of patients ranging from pediatric to geriatric. UC Davis Medical Center is a Level I Adult and Pediatric Trauma and Tertiary Care Center, and Burn Center that cares for a diverse population in the greater Sacramento Area. Students completing the acting internship will do 10 shifts (10 hours per shift) in the adult high-acuity ED and 3 shifts in the pediatric high-acuity ED. Students will also be given the opportunity to attend UCD EM residency Academic Forum teaching, Journal Club, and Medical Simulation education activities.

In addition to providing an EM educational experience, this rotation affords a chance to form close working relationships with residents, fellows, and attendings in the UCD Emergency Department. Qualified applicants will be given the opportunity to obtain a consensus Standardized Letter of Evaluation (SLOE) for their rotation as well as meet with UCD Department of Emergency Medicine residency leadership to discuss career plans and interest in potential further training at UC Davis.

Application Requirements

Applicants for the funded positions must come from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. This includes (but is not limited to) African Americans/Blacks, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Mexican and Hispanic Americans, Native Hawaiians, and mainland Puerto Ricans. This can also include gender/sexual orientation underrepresented groups as well as persons with disabilities. Applicants must provide the following:

- Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) application for rotation at UC Davis in EMR 440, Emergency Medicine Clerkship
- Completed VSUP elective application form with personal statement (see instructions on VSUP application)

The application deadline is 3 months prior to the listed start date on each rotation offered in VSLO. However, the program uses a rolling admission process in which students are accepted or waitlisted as soon as possible after their submission of a complete application.

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Student Curriculum Oversight Committee in the UCD Department of Emergency Medicine. Applicants not selected for the funded rotation may still apply for unfunded electives in the VSLO. Please direct questions to Alyssa Johnson (Clerkship Coordinator) at amjo@ucdavis.edu.