

## Visiting Health Equity Scholar Program

The Visiting Health Equity Scholar Program (VHESP) is a scholarship program for fourth-year medical students that aims to address the barriers that have prevented the full participation of groups underrepresented in Emergency Medicine including racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, first generation, economically disadvantaged individuals, and individuals with disabilities. Funding includes up to **\$1500** for reimbursement of travel, housing, meals, and application fees.

### Program Description

Our visiting scholar program is designed to give students the opportunity to experience the exceptional training in the UC Davis Health System Emergency Department. Students will spend four weeks as an acting intern in the Emergency Department. They will care for a variety of patients ranging from pediatrics to geriatrics. UC Davis Medical Center is a Level I Adult and Pediatric Trauma and Tertiary Care and Burn Center that serves an ethnically diverse population in the greater Sacramento Area. Students completing an acting internship will do 10 shifts (10 hours) 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 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 Medicine 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 EM Residency leadership to discuss career plans and interest in further EM training at UC Davis.

### Application Requirements

Our program provides support for students who have the potential to contribute to the medical field through their understanding of the barriers facing groups underrepresented in Emergency Medicine, including racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA2S+ individuals, first generation, economically disadvantaged individuals, and individuals living with disabilities.

Applicants must provide the following:

- Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS) application for rotation at UC Davis in EMR 440, Emergency Medicine Clerkship
- Completed VHESP elective application form with personal statement (see instructions on VHESP application)

***The application deadline is 3 months prior to the listed start date on each rotation offered in VSAS. However, the program utilizes a rolling admission process in which students are accepted or waitlisted at the time of 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 UCD EM VHESP should consider applying for the [Visiting Elective Program Scholarship](#) through the UC Davis Health Office of Student and Resident Diversity. There is also the option to apply for unfunded electives in VSAS. Please direct questions to Jennifer Lanthier (Clerkship Coordinator) at email at [jlanthier@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jlanthier@ucdavis.edu).