

University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine

Visiting Elective Scholarship Program (VESP)

The Visiting Elective Scholarship Program supported by the UCSF School of Medicine was established to encourage fourth year medical students who are underrepresented in medicine or are interested in working with diverse populations to apply for a clinical elective at UCSF. The scholarship program **provides up to \$2,000** and is designed to:

- Expose fourth year medical students who are underrepresented in medicine or interested in working with diverse populations to an academic training program
- Promote student interest in applying to an academic **residency training program**
- Provide faculty and housestaff mentorship during the clinical elective experience

Clinical electives are four weeks in length and are available, space permitting, to **U.S. visiting students**. VESP participants are assigned a faculty advisor and have the opportunity to network with UCSF faculty, housestaff, and students. A diversity dinner with faculty and housestaff is held during each rotation. In addition, all participants are invited and encouraged to attend various seminars and lectures including those offered by the UCSF Office of Diversity and Outreach and the UCSF Multicultural Resource Center.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Fourth year **U.S. medical students** who are underrepresented in medicine are encouraged to apply
- Only students enrolled at an affiliated LCME-accredited institution or COCA-accredited AACOM member institution may apply**
- UCSF does not accept international students for clinical experiences
- Student must be in good academic standing at an accredited US medical school
- Requirements for the UCSF School of Medicine's clinical electives must also be met. Please refer to VSAS for department-specific additional application requirements: [UCSF VSAS Additional Requirements](#)

APPLICATION

- Completed VESP application through the VSAS website (look for link and fill out application)
- An **official** academic transcript from your school of medicine
- Recent CV
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- A personal statement of up to 1,500 words describing your experience in working with diverse communities and future plans upon completing residency training.

****Please note: Students MUST also apply to the clinical elective program of their choice through the UCSF School of Medicine. Please refer to the link below for more info:**

meded.ucsf.edu/ume/visiting-students

SELECTION

Scholarships (up to **\$2,000 each***, to be used toward visiting student elective fees, transportation costs and lodging) will be awarded on the basis of:

- Interest in pursuing a career in academic medicine
- Interest in working with underserved populations
- Leadership
- Community service
- Academic achievement as indicated by transcripts, letter of recommendation, etc

(*Funds are awarded upon completion of the elective. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.)

DEADLINE: September 1, 2018

MORE INFORMATION

For further information or to receive an application, please contact:

UCSF Visiting Elective Scholarship Program

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Also visit the following websites:

UCSF School of Medicine

medschool.ucsf.edu

UCSF Office of Graduate Medical Education

meded.ucsf.edu/gme

UCSF Office of Diversity and Outreach

diversity.ucsf.edu

UCSF Multicultural Resource Center

mrc.ucsf.edu

UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations at SFGH

cvp.ucsf.edu