

UCLA Emergency Medicine

Ronald Reagan Medical Center | Olive View Medical Center

Visiting Elective Diversity Scholarship

The UCLA Department of Emergency Medicine recognizes the importance of having a diverse workforce that reflects the patient population we serve, provides culturally sensitive care, and addresses healthcare disparities. In an attempt to increase the diversity in our residency program, we have established the Visiting Elective Diversity Scholarship (VEDS) to encourage fourth year medical students who are members of underrepresented minorities in medicine to apply for our emergency medicine clerkship (EM 320.01) at UCLA.

Scholarship Goals:

1. Expose fourth year medical students who are underrepresented in medicine to the opportunities in an academic emergency medicine training program at UCLA.
2. Guide and support medical students who plan to pursue a career in emergency medicine.
3. Increase the diversity of the UCLA Emergency Medicine Residency Program.
4. Provide scholarship funding to enable a student to travel and experience our rotation in Los Angeles, CA.

Our clinical emergency medicine clerkship at UCLA includes experience at both our University medical center (Ronald Reagan UCLA) and our County hospital (Olive View-UCLA). We offer a 3 or 4 week rotation for qualified fourth year medical students interested in pursuing a career in emergency medicine.

Our clerkship provides candidates with an excellent clinical experience at a world-renowned academic medical center and a busy county hospital. It is a challenging and fun rotation, with clinical shifts at two sites, where candidates will have the opportunity to be the primary provider for acutely ill patients, to actively participate in traumas and resuscitations at our level 1 trauma center, to perform a variety of procedures, and to attend weekly didactic conferences.

Who should apply?

Applicants must:

- Be a fourth year medical student
- Identify with underrepresented minorities
- Plan to match into Emergency Medicine
- Be in good academic standing at an accredited US medical school
- Meet all standard VSAS application requirements for the EM320.01 elective
- Be able to rotate at UCLA between June 2018 and October 2018

Application Deadline:

- **May 31, 2018.**
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until this deadline.

Application Process:

- Complete the VSAS application for the UCLA Ronald Reagan/Olive View Emergency Medicine Clerkship. See the visiting student requirements for the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA: <http://medschool.ucla.edu/current-us-visiting-students>
- Complete the separate VEDS application at: <https://goo.gl/forms/u0yw6QcjLjiTtQhm1>
 - **Include a personal essay:** Please indicate why you are interested in the UCLA Emergency Medicine Residency Program for your training (300 words or less).

Competitive applicants will have demonstrated:

- Academic achievement (indicated by transcripts and letter of recommendation)
- Leadership experience as indicated by activities included in the CV
- Commitment to pursuing a career in academic emergency medicine
- An interest in diversity, health disparities, or serving underserved populations

The scholarship of \$1,500 is a reimbursement intended to defray travel expenses such as transportation and lodging. Scholarship funds will be awarded after both the first day of the rotation and submission of appropriate receipts.

Participation in this program guarantees an interview for our residency program, but does not guarantee a position.

For more information, please contact:**UCLA Emergency Medicine Clerkship Coordinator**

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Please also visit our website for more information about the elective:

http://www.emergencymedicine.ucla.edu/medicalstudents_clerkship.php