

**UCLA Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences**  
**UCLA Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital Board of Advisors**

**Visiting Elective Scholars Program (VESP)**

The Visiting Elective Scholars Program (VESP) in Psychiatry was established by the UCLA Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences with generous annual support from the UCLA Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital Board of Advisors. This program was created to encourage fourth year medical students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine and/or for whom working with marginalized populations is a career interest to apply to do a clinical elective on the inpatient unit at the UCLA Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital.

The scholars program **provides a transportation, housing, and food stipend of up to \$2,500** and is designed to:

1. Provide trainees with excellent clinical training opportunities at the Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA
2. Promote student interest in applying to the Psychiatry Residency Training Program at UCLA
3. Provide scholars with mentorship from faculty and house-staff during the clinical elective experience.
4. Include opportunities to participate in Social Justice Teach In Seminars co-sponsored by the Residency Committees on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) / Community and Global Psychiatry (CGP)

Clinical electives are three weeks in length and are available, space permitting, to U.S. visiting students. Participants are assigned a faculty mentor and residency mentor and will have the opportunity to network with UCLA faculty, residents, and students.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

- Fourth year U.S. medical students who are under-represented in medicine (URM) are encouraged to apply. This includes African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Islanders.
- Fourth year U.S. medical students who have demonstrated a commitment to promoting health equity are encouraged to apply.
- Only students enrolled at an affiliated LCME-accredited institution may apply
- UCLA does not accept international students for clinical experiences
- Student must be in good academic standing at an accredited US medical school
- Requirements for the DGSOM UCLA School of Medicine's clinical electives must also be met.

<http://medschool.ucla.edu/current-visiting-students>

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Completed Department of Psychiatry VESP application form. (link to application)
- Completed David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA VSAS application (link to application)
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member in Psychiatry
- A personal statement/letter of interest (1 page)

*Please describe your interest and experience in promoting health equity and working with historically marginalized communities, as well as your interest in the UCLA Psychiatry Residency Program.*

- Recent CV
- An official academic transcript from your school of medicine

## **SELECTION**

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of:

- Interest in pursuing a career in academic psychiatry
- Commitment to promoting health equity
- Leadership
- Community service
- Academic achievement as indicated by transcripts, letter of recommendation, etc

## **PROGRAM TIMELINE**

Application Submission: April-September 2018

Visiting Elective Enrollment: June – December 2018

For more information on the UCLA Psychiatry Residency Training Program please visit <http://www.semel.ucla.edu/prtp>

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