



# PHYSICIANS MEDICAL FORUM

"The ultimate reason to become a medical doctor is to help people. PMF is in this business" s

## VISITING ELECTIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### University of California, Davis School of Medicine

The Visiting Elective Program (VEP) is funded by the Physicians Medical Program (PMF) to provide support for fourth-year students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds who have historically been underrepresented in medicine. This program is sponsored by the University of California Davis, School of Medicine's Office of Student and Resident Diversity.

#### **About PMF:**

PMF's mission is to encourage the recruitment and retention of African American/Black physicians, and thereby help to eliminate health disparities, improve access to care, maintain diversity within the profession, and improve the quality of life and medical care for people in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area/Northern California.

#### **The Program is designed to:**

Expose students to both the academic medicine and community service opportunities offered though the above UC Davis Residency Programs

Allow students to care for a racially and ethnically diverse patient population from both rural and urban communities

Encourage students from diverse backgrounds to apply to the UCD's School of Medicine's Residency Program

#### **Eligibility:**

Eligible participants are: full-time, African American/Black fourth-year medical students in good standing at accredited U.S. medical schools. Students remain registered at their own schools while participating in the externship at UC Davis; however, student must complete an application form through American Association of Medical Colleges' Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS): [www.aamc.org/programs/vsas/start.htm](http://www.aamc.org/programs/vsas/start.htm).

#### **Length:**

Rotations are four weeks in duration and are subject to space availability and must be completed by December 30th.

#### **Mentoring and Networking opportunities:**

The students will meet the Director of the Office of Student and Resident Diversity in the Office of Student and Resident Diversity. Students also will be introduced to members of the Student National Medical Association.

Visit [www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mdprogram/registrar/visiting.html](http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mdprogram/registrar/visiting.html) for more information.

#### **Financial assistance:**

Scholarships (up to \$1500 each, to be used toward visiting elective fees, transportation costs and lodging) will be awarded on the basis of:

- Academic achievement as indicated by transcripts and Step 1 scores.
- Leadership
- Interest in serving underserved populations (community service)
- Interest in remaining in Northern California to practice medicine

Applications are available at [www.pmfmd.com](http://www.pmfmd.com) OR [http://health.ucdavis.edu/diversity/resident\\_diversity.html](http://health.ucdavis.edu/diversity/resident_diversity.html).

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