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Benefits include:
- Financial reimbursement for travel and housing up to $2,500
- Exposure to UCLA's rigorous inpatient academic environment
- Opportunities to meet with Internal Medicine and Med-Peds residency program leadership and current residents
- Access to nationally-recognized clinical faculty
Program Description
The UCLA Internal Medicine Visiting Student Scholarship Program (VSSP) is intended to provide financial support to fourth-year U.S. medical students with an interest in fostering workforce diversity in healthcare professions, and in completing a UCLA Internal Medicine Sub-Internship. The goal of the program is to promote student interest in applying to UCLA categorical medicine, primary care medicine, and medicine-pediatrics training programs by exposing these students to UCLA’s dynamic inpatient academic environment.

Eligibility
All students with a commitment to efforts fostering workforce diversity in healthcare professions are encouraged to apply, in particular, those coming from groups that are underrepresented in medicine (UIM).

All applicants must also meet the following criteria:
- 4th year medical student in good academic standing at an accredited US medical school
- Completed core clerkships in internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and surgery
- Passed USMLE Step 1 prior to rotation

Application Process
The following materials are required 60 days prior to the desired rotation’s start date:
- VSSP Application Form (linked here)
  - This includes a Statement of Interest that speaks to the importance of fostering diversity and inclusion in the training of our healthcare workforce, as well as the applicant’s specific interest in the UCLA Internal Medicine Residency Program.
- UCLA DGSOM Visiting Student Application (linked here), using VSAS elective listing ME-ME452.02 - Inpatient Medicine - Team 7 & Team 8. This must include:
  - One letter of recommendation from a faculty member in Internal Medicine
  - An official academic transcript
  - A recent CV

Program Timeline
- Internal Medicine Sub-Internship rotations are available year-round.
- Scholarship recipients will be selected by the VSSP committee on a rolling basis.

For any questions, please contact VSSP Program Coordinator Valecia Sarmento by email VSarmento@mednet.ucla.edu or phone 310-206-2006. We look forward to your application!