



## Overview

# Visiting Scholar Training Program

**UCLA** Health | Center for  
East-West Medicine

# About the Program

Integrative medicine has evolved along distinct paths in different cultural and healthcare systems. In China, it is widely practiced as Chinese integrative medicine, which emphasizes the integration of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Western biomedicine. In the United States, integrative medicine has developed to incorporate evidence-based complementary therapies into conventional medical care. These approaches, shaped by the historical and cultural contexts of each country, present valuable opportunities for mutual learning and collaboration to advance integrative medicine as a globally accessible, safe, and effective model of healthcare.

As one of the pioneering integrative medicine programs in the United States, the UCLA Center for East-West Medicine established the Visiting Scholar Program to provide international scholars with a unique perspective on integrative medicine as practiced within a leading academic medical institution. Since 2006, the Center has hosted over 25 visiting scholars from universities and hospitals across Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan for short- to mid-term training. The program fosters cross-cultural exchange, enhances academic and clinical expertise, and supports collaborative efforts to promote the global advancement of integrative medicine.



## Training Program Components

- **Education Enrichment:**
  - Participate in the Center's educational programs, including annual summer integrative medicine course, monthly academic days and case conferences;
  - Attend Grand Rounds and seminars organized by the David Geffen School of Medicine and the Fielding School of Public Health at UCLA.
- **Clinical Observation\*:** Observe integrative medicine experts in clinical settings.
- **Events and Conferences:** Engage in events and conferences hosted or co-organized by the Center.
- **Research Opportunities:**
  - Participate in the Center's ongoing research projects in integrative medicine, such as workforce development, community engagement, and clinical trials;
  - Collaborate with integrative medicine experts and specialists to develop new programs;
  - Draft integrative clinical protocols for selected conditions.
- **Academic Publication:** Publish a peer-reviewed paper in English on an integrative approach for a selected condition, relevant to the U.S. healthcare system.

*\*Please note that **no element of patient care services** will be involved due to HIPPA.*

# Duration and Cost

The Center charges an administrative fee to defray the costs of running the visiting scholar program. The current charge is listed in the chart below.

	Application Fee*	DS-2019 Processing Fees*	Program Fee (1 year)	Program Fee (6 months)
Physicians	\$600	\$340+\$40 per dependent	\$11,000	\$9,000
Non-Physicians	\$600	\$340+\$40 per dependent	\$9,000	\$7,000

*\*A **non-refundable** application fee of \$600, visa processing fee of \$340, and additional cost of \$40 per each dependent, must be paid upon submission of the online application to cover the costs of processing the visiting scholar application.*

## Eligibility

- **Education and Experience:**
  - MD or PhD in a health-related field with a minimum of 3 years of relevant experience.
  - Must hold an assistant professor position or higher at an established academic institution.
  - Preference is given to scholars affiliated with institutions that have academic exchange agreements with UCLA or who are personally recommended by UCLA faculty.
- **English Proficiency:** All applicants must certify proficiency in English through one of the following:
  - A UCLA recognized English language test taken within the past 2 years: IELTS overall band score of 7 or higher or TOEFL test score 560 (paper based) or 87 (iBT);
  - Certification by home academic institution where English is used;
  - Certification by English Language School where English training was completed within the past 2 years;
  - Copy of signed diploma or signed transcript from U.S. universities or universities in countries where English is the native language; or
  - A documented interview conducted by the UCLA faculty advisor either in-person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option.

## Initial Application Requirements

1. **Letters of Recommendation:** Three letters (1-2 pages in English or Chinese) from:
  - a. Mentor of terminal degree
  - b. Current director/supervisor
  - c. Collaborator
2. **Statement of Purpose**
3. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
4. **Proof of Funding:** Applicants must secure annual funding of at least \$30,300 (plus \$6,000/year for a spouse and \$2,667/year for each child) through grants or continued salary from their home institution.





## Online Application



**Website**  
[UCLAHealth.org/cewm](https://UCLAHealth.org/cewm)



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