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**The Leichtman-Levine-TEM Summer Mentorship in Women's Health Research at the
Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center
2020 Announcement**

Research Director/PI: Gail Greendale, MD, Professor of Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology
Senior Mentor: Mei-Hua Huang, DrPH, Researcher, Division of Geriatrics, UCLA Department of Medicine

Summer research positions are available for medical students at the David Geffen School of Medicine who have completed their first year of studies by June 2020.

Students will be mentored in the completion of a secondary data analyses using a large, multisite, multi-ethnic study of mid-life women. The overarching topics from which students may choose include dietary factors, serum phytoestrogens, and inflammation in relation to mid-life women's health.

The student experience will include:

- Mentorship in how a research plan is developed.
- Assistance in completing an application for summer research support from the Short Term Training Program (STTP), Internal Medicine Chief's Fellowship, or other source of summer research support (note: Students must obtain support from STTP, the Internal Medicine Chief's Fellowship, or other DGSOM authorized source of support to participate).
- Tutoring in relevant design and analysis methods.
- Hands on training in the use of statistical packages.
- Structured research meetings throughout the summer research project.
- Practicum in oral presentation of research results.
- Clinical shadowing of a women's health provider at the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center during the summer.
- Guidance and assistance in developing a poster for the Josiah Brown Research Fair
- Continued support to submit results in abstract, presentation or paper form.

- Up to \$1500 in financial support for travel expenses should the project be accepted to be presented at a national research meeting.

After students are accepted into the program, research mentors will work with students to identify one of three projects that is best suited to the student. The three projects are:

1. The Relation Between Dietary Vitamin A and Bone Mineral Density in a Multi-Ethnic Cohort of Midlife Women
2. Associations of Dietary Phytoestrogen Intake with Serum Estradiol and Other Hormone Levels in a Multi-Ethnic Cohort of Midlife Women
3. Cross-sectional Associations of Dietary Factors with Serum Estradiol and Other Hormones in a Multi-Ethnic Cohort of Midlife Women

To apply, send the following to Audree Hsu (audreehsu@mednet.ucla.edu) by Tuesday, January 21st, 2020. Be sure to include all requested elements:

(1) A personal statement including (1 page maximum):

- A paragraph describing your interest in this project, and how it relates to your future career goals.
- One or two paragraphs describing previous research, clinical, or community work related to women's health and/or nutrition (Note: Previous experience is not required).

(2) Your current resume or curriculum vitae

To see more information and a list of prior awardees, information is here:

<https://www.uclahealth.org/womenshealth/whcmentorship>