



Resources for medical student members of the armed forces





Office of Student Wellness







## Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)

The Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) offers prospective military physicians and other health professionals paid medical education in exchange for service as commissioned medical officers. The commitment is usually 1:1 (one year of full time service for each year of benefits received).

## Military match (AKA Joint Selection Board)

The deadline for military residency applications is September to October of the fourth year of medical school; however applications should be submitted much earlier. Applications for the Army and Navy are submitted via the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), while the Air Force requires a paper application. Many programs conduct interviews before ERAS opens.

HPSP students are required to apply to both military and civilian residency matches. If students do not match in military residencies or elect civilian deferment, they must apply to a civilian program. Specialty choice for military residents may be limited based on the availability of positions.

Applications are reviewed by the Joint Service Graduate Medical Education Selection Board (JSGMESB), comprised of physicians from the Army, Air Force and Navy. The group meets in late November each year to review applications and match applicants to residency positions.

Military match results are released mid-December by e-mail.

# Civilian and HPSP medical school timelines

TIMELINE	CIVILIAN	HPSP
Before first year (July)	Prematriculation (optional)	Officer training
Between first and second year (May-June)	Medical Student Research Fellowship/ MEDICOS (optional)	Officer training
Fourth year (AugSept.)	Residency applications	Residency applications
Fourth year (December)	-	Match
Fourth year (March)	Match	Match (if applicable)

## Local residency programs

## David Grant USAF Medical Center partnership

In the summer of 2005, the David Grant Medical Center general surgery program at Travis Air Force Base merged with UC Davis general residency surgery program. Active-duty Air Force residents match into the UC Davis general surgery program via the Joint Selection Board. A specialized preflight surgery training program is available to better prepare physicians who enter flight surgery after internship.



## **Resources for veterans**

UC Davis Veterans Affairs Office 1210 Dutton Hall Davis, CA 95616 Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 530-752-2020 vaoffice@ucdavis.edu advisingservices.ucdavis.edu/ studentservices/veterans

UC Davis School of Medicine Financial Aid Office 916-734-4120 financialaid@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu

### Sacramento Veterans Center

1111 Howe Ave., Suite 390 Sacramento, CA 95825 916-566-7430

### Additional resources

- Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) military.com/education/gi-bill/newpost-911-gi-bill-overview.html
- Joining Forces whitehouse.gov/joiningforces
- Military One Source militaryonesource.mil





# Local residency programs (continued)

## Vascular surgery residency program

The integrated residency program in vascular surgery accepts two residents per year for the five-year program, one civilian and one from the Air Force. Several factors have made integrated residencies in vascular surgery an increasingly desirable option, including a shortened training timeline compared to completion of a fellowship after general surgery residency. Of the 36 accredited integrated residency programs in vascular surgery, the UC Davis program is the only one that includes a Department of Defense medical treatment facility (David Grant Medical Center) as an affiliated teaching site.

### Internal medicine residency program

In 2009, David Grant Medical Center established an internal medicine residency training program with the UC Davis Department of Internal Medicine. Active-duty Air Force residents receive the majority of their training at UC Davis Medical Center and the Sacramento VA Medical Center. The goal of the integrated residency program is to train outstanding internists who, after graduation, will work for the Air Force caring for current and future patients.

## **Additional resources**

### Military mentors

Faculty members and residents who have served in the military are available to mentor medical students who are veterans or are considering a career in military medicine. For a list of current military mentors, visit ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ mdprogram/student\_wellness/military\_careers. html (Kerberos password required).

## Military Medicine student interest group

Primarily intended for UC Davis medical students pursuing careers in the military, the group serves as an important resource for sharing information about opportunities and challenges in training for and providing medical care to U.S. armed forces members. For information, please contact Lao Thao at 916-734-4121 or lao.thao@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu

University of California Military Medical Students Facebook Group facebook.com/groups/502690363094466

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-TALK (8255) suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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