

Health Equity Visiting Scholar Program

The HEV Scholarship Program is intended for fourth-year medical students interested in Obstetrics and Gynecology (Ob/Gyn) who are dedicated to increasing diversity in our specialty and eliminating disparities in obstetric and gynecologic care. Funding includes up to \$2300 for reimbursement of travel, housing, and application fees.

Program Description

Our Program is designed to give students the opportunity to experience the outstanding training in the UC Davis Health System Ob/Gyn Department. Students will spend four weeks as acting interns in the Ob/Gyn Department. Depending on availability and interest, they will care for a variety of patients at Labor and Delivery, Complex Family Planning, Gynecology, Gynecologic Oncology, and Urogynecology operating rooms, and ambulatory clinics. Students will also be given the opportunity to attend UC Davis Ob/Gyn residency Grand Rounds, weekly didactic, and other educational activities that are specific to clinical setting.

In addition to providing an Ob/Gyn educational experience, this rotation affords a chance to form close working relationships with residents, fellows, and faculty attendings in the UC Davis Ob/Gyn Department. Qualified applicants will be given the opportunity to obtain a consensus letter of recommendation for their rotation as well as meet with UC Davis Ob/Gyn Department residency leadership to discuss career plans if the student is interest in residency training at UC Davis.

Application Requirements

Applicants for the funded positions must demonstrate a strong commitment to increasing diversity in obstetrics and gynecology, to better reflect the communities we serve, as well as eliminating healthcare disparities. Applicants must provide the following:

- Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) application for rotation at UC Davis in Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship
- Completed VSUP elective application form with personal statement (see instructions on VSUP application)
- Candidate Statement regarding contributions to diversity (max: 300 words)

The program uses a rolling admission process in which students are accepted or waitlisted as soon as possible after their submission of a complete application.

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the UC Davis Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Applicants not selected for the funded rotation may still apply for unfunded electives in the VSLO. Please direct questions to Dr. Melody Hou at myhou@ucdavis.edu.