

Department of Emergency Medicine

Medical Student Externship Scholarship for those with passion towards the rural & underserved

2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

The UC San Diego (UCSD) Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) medical student program is excited to offer a Visiting Medical Student Externship Scholarship this year.

- **For those committed to serving rural underserved populations specifically in California.**

Our department is committed to providing exceptional care, particularly in a medically underserved clinical setting.

This scholarship is designed to help students who will apply to our Emergency Medicine (EM) for residency to complete an EMED 420 sub-internship at UCSD. The scholarship supports students by defraying the costs of travel, and housing.

In addition to all the learning opportunities that our EMED 420 MS4 clerkship offers, scholarship recipients will also receive:

- \$1500 to reimburse travel, educational and visiting student application costs (funds will be provided after successful completion of the clerkship; receipts must be submitted for reimbursement).
- Priority in scheduling an EM rotation with us via the AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunity (VSLO).
- Several shifts at our rural critical access affiliate site El Centro Regional Medical Center (ECRMC). ECRMC is a 90-minute drive so you will need to have transportation or arrange rides with Faculty commuting to/from there. We will work to batch some shifts and you will have free nightly housing, food, and parking while there.
- Faculty and resident advisors to explore areas of interest and our program culture.
- Faculty mentoring and career development.
- A letter of recommendation (eSLOE) highlighting this competitive scholarship.

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ELIGIBILITY

- Students must intend to pursue a residency in Emergency Medicine.
- Students must be in good academic standing.
- Students need to apply to our clerkship through the **AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunity (VSLO) Online Application**, but do not need to do so before submitting your scholarship application.
- Must have passed USMLE step 1, and prior to the start of the UCSD EMED 420 rotation, have successfully completed core clerkships in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, and Surgery.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Interest in pursuing a career serving rural, underserved and/or underrepresented populations.
- Established history of leadership and community service.
- Good standing in medical school.

TO APPLY

Send an email to Beckett Kirk at bhkirk@health.ucsd.edu consisting of:

1. A personal statement including how you qualify based on the criteria listed (1-page maximum)
 2. A faculty Letter of Recommendation, attesting to the above selection criteria.
 3. Name, current Medical School enrollment, and personal contact information
- **Deadline:** April 30, 2024
 - **Scholarship recipients will be notified by:** May 31, 2024
 - For more information, please visit the [UCSD's Visiting Student webpage](#).