

About the Program

Fourth-year medical students from U.S. schools may choose to take an away rotation at UC San Diego School of Medicine, especially if they are interested in learning more about our UC San Diego Surgery Residency program. The Visiting Elective Program provides financial support for fourth-year students who have demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to a surgical career. The program is intended to facilitate participation in the visiting sub-internship program by exceptional students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds (e.g. students receiving need-based financial aid). The scholarship program provides up to \$1,500 and is designed to:

- Expose fourth year medical students who are interested in working with underserved populations to an academic training program.
- Promote student interest in applying to an academic residency training program.
- Provide faculty and resident mentorship during the clinical elective experience.

**In accordance with applicable Federal and State law and University policy, the University of California does not discriminate, or grant preferences, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and/or other protected categories.*

Eligibility

Eligible participants are full-time, fourth-year medical students in good standing at accredited U.S. medical schools. Students remain registered at their own schools while participating in the four-week elective at UC San Diego. Students must have applied and be accepted to the UC San Diego Department of Surgery's clinical elective program through the AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunity (VSLO) before the scholarship is processed, and eligible students need to participate in a Department of Surgery clerkship.

Application

- **Step 1:** Complete the American Association of Medical College's Visiting Student Learning Opportunity (VSLO) Online Application
- **Step 2:** Once accepted to a UC San Diego Department of Surgery rotation, you can apply for the scholarship
- **Step 3:** Send your scholarship application to: aarmani@health.ucsd.edu

Applications will be reviewed once all required documents are received.

More information is available on the [Visiting Fourth-Year Students page](#).

Selection

Scholarships (up to \$1,500 each, to be used toward visiting student elective fees, transportation costs and lodging) will be awarded for the 4-week elective on the basis of:

- Interest in pursuing a career in academic general surgery
- Financial need / economically disadvantaged background
- Leadership
- Community service
- Academic achievement

***Funds are awarded upon completion of the elective. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.*

Deadline

The scholarship applications are reviewed on a rolling basis between May - December.

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