The Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at University of California San Diego is pleased to offer the Visiting Elective Scholars program for 2023.

OVERVIEW

Our department recognizes that patient well-being is influenced by the relationship with their providers. The relationships that are formed over the course of care can be enhanced by a mutual understanding of lived experiences which can be achieved through a diverse provider pool.

To help us achieve this goal, we developed a scholar program to promote the recruitment and development of medical students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine to participate in a sub-internship within the department of obstetrics and gynecology at University of California-San Diego. Through this scholar program, we hope to engage medical students to develop relationships with residents and faculty and pursue training at our institution.
ELIGIBILITY

We encourage fourth year medical students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine and in good academic standing at a U.S. LCME-accredited medical school who intend to match into a residency program in Obstetrics & Gynecology. As defined by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), "Underrepresented in medicine means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population."

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must have completed all required core clerkships at their home institution
- Students must complete the VSLO application available through AAMC
- Students must submit the visiting elective scholars program application at the time of VSLO submission

AWARD SPECIFICS

- Recipients will participate in a four-week clinical elective in Gynecologic Oncology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, or Complex Family Planning based on availability starting August 2022.
- Recipients will be paired with a URiM faculty mentor
- Recipients will be involved in resident educational sessions including didactics and simulations within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- The selected recipient will receive $1200 scholarship. Reimbursement will be provided at the end of the rotation.
- Housing will be provided in the form of a private room in a shared suite with graduate students on the UCSD campus
- Recipients will be responsible for identifying their independent travel plan and transportation while in San Diego

Please submit application at the time of VSLO application.

Notification of award will be made 60 days prior to your rotation.

Please direct documents and questions regarding the scholars program to OGRS-VESP@health.ucsd.edu.