

Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship

2025

The UCSF Department of Dermatology welcomes applications from medical students interested in doing an 8-week summer research fellowship with a faculty mentor in our department. The project may be a new or ongoing project in dermatology, and can be in any area of dermatology (basic science, epidemiology, population research, health policy, medical dermatology, pediatric dermatology, dermatopathology, procedural dermatology, medical education, outcomes research, etc.). The research award amount is $4500. Funding may be utilized for housing, travel/ transportation, meeting registration, meeting travel, and research resources. An additional $1000 will be granted to non-UCSF medical students to cover the costs of travel to/from San Francisco.

We seek applicants who are committed to serving culturally diverse and medically underserved populations, and working on issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion. We strongly encourage students who self-identify as belonging to historically marginalized groups and those who do not have a dermatology department at their medical school to apply for this research award.

A total of at least 3 research fellowships will be granted in 2025.

Guidelines:

• Application Form will be completed electronically: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f1a3031923ff4491907c1a72521f2add> Application deadline is March 14, 2025 5 pm PT (notification no later than May 2, 2025)

• Applicant must be currently matriculated at a U.S. medical school

• Research must be performed in person at the UCSF campus

• The research mentor must be a UCSF Dermatology faculty member (adjunct, clinical instructor, assistant, associate, or full professor)

• Funding will be awarded to students who have not received other funding for the same project; receipt of additional research funding should be immediately disclosed by the applicant.

• Funding will only be awarded pending receipt of confirmation of UCSF IRB-approval for the research project (if IRB approval is required).

• Funding must be used between April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

Application for the

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**Contact information (required)**

* Name:
* Mailing Address or UCSF campus box #:
* Telephone number:
* Email address:
* School of Medicine:
* Expected year of Graduation:
* Home Dermatology Program: (Yes/No)
* UCSF dermatology mentor name:
* UCSF dermatology mentor email address:

**Research project title:**

• Start date of research elective:

• End date of research elective (8 weeks’ minimum):

• Research project & mentorship timeline (describe general timeline for project development and mentorship over the research elective, 250 words maximum):

*[insert research project and mentorship timeline here]*

• How will this information be shared with the greater community? End product?

Will an approved IRB be needed for this project? Circle one answer. YES NO

If yes, has the IRB application been approved? Circle one answer.

YES NO (NOT YET SUBMITTED) NO (SUBMITTED, PENDING)

Are you applying for any other funding opportunities?

YES NO

*[insert details of other funding applications here]*

**Personal statement (500 words):** Please tell us about yourself, including your reasons for applying for this research award and/or your career goals in dermatology.

*[insert personal statement here]*

**Contributions to diversity statement (150 words or less):** Pleasedescribe your past experience, activities and future plans to advance diversity, equity and inclusion, in alignment with UC San Francisco’s mission to reflect the diversity of California and to meet the educational and clinical needs and interests of its diverse population.

*[insert Contributions to Diversity statement here]*

**Demographic information (used for fellowship tracking and assessment purposes only):**

• Gender:

• Please describe any demographic information or information about your identity or history you feel may be relevant to your application here: *(max 150 words)*

**Category: check all that apply**

[ ] current UCSF student ($4,500)

[ ] student at another U.S. medical school ($5,500)

[ ] Underrepresented in medicine

**Checklist:** All items should be provided as a single PDF document and uploaded to online application form by the March 15, 2025 EOD deadline (5 PM PT). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

[ ] Application

[ ] Curriculum Vitae (maximum 3 pages)

[ ] Letter of support from medical school mentor, dermatology chair or residency program director **(Acceptable if submitted directly to Laura.Harrison@ucsf.edu)**

[ ] Research proposal (maximum 1 page, 12-point font, including tables/ figures/ references)

[ ] Mentor attestation/ signature page **(Acceptable if submitted directly to Laura.Harrison@ucsf.edu**

**For mentors: (Acceptable if submitted on separate sheet/ file)**

**Mentor Attestation & Signature page**

I agree to sponsor this student as a UCSF Department of Dermatology Medical Student Summer Research Fellow. I have reviewed and approved the research proposal and timeline and agree to provide supervision, intellectual and funding support as needed (i.e. statistical analysis, supplies). I am available during a majority of the timeline of the student’s research elective to meet regularly with the student for ongoing research supervision and career mentorship.

Student name:

UCSF mentor name:

UCSF mentor signature:

Date: