

## VISITING ELECTIVE SCHOLARS PROGRAM IN VASCULAR SURGERY

The Visiting Elective Scholars Program (VESP) in Vascular Surgery program was created to encourage fourth year medical students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine to apply to do a clinical elective on the inpatient Vascular Surgery service at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. The program will be offered to several eligible students in the late summer/early fall of the academic year to explore an interest in academic Vascular Surgery.

The scholars program provides a transportation, housing, and food stipend of up to \$1,500 and is designed to:

1. Provide trainees with excellent vascular surgical clinical training opportunities at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center
2. Promote student interest in applying to Vascular Surgery residency at UCLA
3. Provide faculty and house-staff mentorship during the clinical elective experience

Clinical electives three to four weeks in length are available, space permitting, to U.S. visiting students.

Participants are assigned a faculty mentor and residency mentor and will have the opportunity to network with UCLA faculty, residents, and students.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Fourth-year U.S. medical students who are part of groups historically under-represented in medicine (URM) are encouraged to apply. Per 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." This generally includes African American/Black, Native American, Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino/Spanish Origin, Mainland Puerto Rico, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander and/or LGBTQ.
- Only students enrolled at an affiliated LCME-accredited institution may apply
- Student must be in good academic standing at an accredited US medical school
- Students must have completed all required core clerkships
- Requirements for the DGSOM UCLA School of Medicine's clinical electives must be met: <http://medschool.ucla.edu/current-visiting-students>
- Students should electronically apply through the VSAS [www.aamc.org/vsas](http://www.aamc.org/vsas)

### ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- UCLA Vascular Surgery VESP Application
- Personal Statement/Letter of Interest (one page)
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member in surgery
- Curriculum vitae
- Official medical school transcript

**These additional documents should be submitted via email to:**

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