



Department of
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Health Equity Visiting Scholar Program

The HEV Scholar Program is intended for fourth-year medical students interested in Obstetrics and Gynecology (Ob/Gyn) who are dedicated to increasing diversity in our specialty and eliminating disparities in obstetric and gynecologic care. Funding includes up to \$2800 for reimbursement of travel, housing, and application fees (see below).

This program is meant to support students who applied but were **not** selected for funding through the [Diversity in Medicine Visiting Elective Program \(VEP\) Scholarship](#) offered through the UC Davis Office of Student and Resident Diversity.

Program Description

Our Program is designed to give students the opportunity to experience the outstanding training in the UC Davis Health System Ob/Gyn Department. Students will spend four weeks as acting interns in the Ob/Gyn Department. Depending on availability and interest, they will care for a variety of patients within Labor and Delivery, Complex Family Planning, and Gynecologic Oncology. Students will also be given the opportunity to attend UCD Ob/Gyn residency Grand Rounds, weekly didactic, and other educational activities that are specific to clinical setting.

In addition to providing an Ob/Gyn educational experience, this rotation affords a chance to form close working relationships with residents, fellows, and faculty attendings in the UCD Ob/Gyn Department. Qualified applicants will be given the opportunity to obtain a consensus letter of recommendation for their rotation as well as meet with UCD Ob/Gyn Department residency leadership to discuss career plans if the student is interest in residency training at UC Davis.

Award

The HEV Program will **reimburse** you for expenses related the rotation based on the following **maximum** guidelines, up to \$2800 total. We are not able to pay these expenses up front directly.

- Reimbursement of travel costs (up to \$500) to and from Sacramento
- Reimbursement of food costs (up to \$500)
- Reimbursement of UC Davis application processing fee (\$300)
- Reimbursement of housing expenses (up to \$1500)

Application Requirements

Applicants for the funded positions must demonstrate a strong commitment to increasing diversity in obstetrics and gynecology, to better reflect the communities we serve, as well as eliminating healthcare disparities. Applicants must provide the following:

- A copy of the completed application form for [Diversity in Medicine Visiting Elective Program](#), including your 500-word personal statement (see instructions at VEP application link)
- A copy of the notification of non-receipt of Diversity in Medicine VEP funding
- A separate Candidate Statement regarding specific contributions to diversity and health equity thus far, beyond what you have already written in the VEP application (max: 300 words)

The program uses a rolling acceptance process, subject to funding availability. Application must be received at least 4 weeks before the start of the rotation.

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the UCD Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Please direct questions to Taha Gilani (tgilani@ucdavis.edu), student coordinator, or Dr. Melody Hou (myhou@ucdavis.edu), Director of Medical Student Education.