

SACM PRESTIGE

Program in Research: Elevating Standards in Graduate Education

SACM PRESTIGE RESEARCH PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR RESIDENCY TRAINING



GLOBAL HEALTH AND EDUCATION

The Global Health and Education Program offers fellowships designed to give international medical school graduates the opportunity to learn necessary technical skills that will optimize their potential for residency training, research and clinical practice in the United States.

The program offers in-depth instruction, mentorship and research to prepare international medical graduates for residency training and research. The Global Health Program offers several separate tracks to choose from. They include the PRESTIGE research-based training program and other international fellowship programs.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE



Shahram Lotfipour, MD, MPH
Program Director of UC Irvine PRESTIGE



Bharath Chakravarthy, MD, MPH
Co-Program Director of UC Irvine PRESTIGE

UC Irvine Medical Center is the principal clinical facility for the UC Irvine Health and UC Irvine Health School of Medicine's teaching and research programs. For 14 consecutive years, the medical center has been rated among the nation's best hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The School of Medicine's close research, clinical and teaching relationship with the medical center has been vital to our clinical enterprise as a regional and national leader in translational medicine. UC Irvine Health uses the latest clinical research, including studies pioneered by our researchers, to provide patients with the most advanced therapies and treatments.

The UC Irvine Department of Emergency Medicine is committed to advancing clinical care, education and research to help patients with diverse medical conditions. We offer patient-centered care and apply leading-edge skills to combat serious illness and injury. In addition, our physicians conduct innovative research aimed at preventing injury and disease.

Faculty members within the department, which is part of UC Irvine's School of Medicine, are highly experienced clinicians devoted to training the next generation of emergency care physicians.

Some facts about the Department of Emergency Medicine:

- We handle nearly 55,000 patient visits during the course of the year.
- We are the entry point for Orange County's only Level I Trauma Center and Regional Burn Center.
- We care for more than 5,000 trauma victims annually and more than 300 burn victims.
- We also receive patients en route to UC Irvine's Comprehensive Stroke Center and the Orange County Acute Coronary Syndrome (heart attack) program. Our specialists are standing by at all times to intervene and dissolve or remove the blood clots that cause heart attack and stroke.
- We have 27 full time clinical faculty and 2 research faculty.

In addition, for the past nine years the UC Irvine Department of Emergency Medicine has been the publisher of the *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine: Integrating Emergency Care with Population Health (WestJEM)*. WestJEM is an internationally recognized peer-reviewed open access MEDLINE indexed journal with a distinguished editorial board (westjem.com).

PRESTIGE FELLOWSHIP
PRESTIGE RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR RESIDENCY
Program in Research: Elevating Standards in Graduate Education

The SACM PRESTIGE Training Program is a one-year certificate research program to prepare International Medical Graduates (IMG) for medical residency applications. This program based at UC Irvine Health School of Medicine will combine structured faculty mentored medical education instruction through advanced studies in biomedical, translational and public health research along with clinical observerships. Specialties include **Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, General Surgery, Psychiatry, Neurology and other fields can be considered.** In addition to research and clinical observerships, the educational experience will be enhanced by advanced professional development in the latest educational learning modalities, point-of-care bedside ultrasound, simulation medical technology, bedside clinical examination, ERAS application review, personal statement review, interviewing techniques and introduction to the U.S. healthcare system to maximize the potential of IMGs for residency training or professional practice in the U.S. and globally.

Fellowship Applicants

PRESTIGE is intended for highly motivated international scholars, with approved sponsorships, to be trained and receive supplementary preparation for eventual application for residency training in the United States

Program Format

Fellows admitted to the program have a core research training focus with mentorship in their specialty area. The research training includes customized shadowing for clinical experience in the trainee's specialty area of interest. PRESTIGE fellows also may apply to practice in course work for a master's degree in science or clinical translational science, or a master's degree in public health depending on program sponsorship and support.

Information about UC Irvine master's programs can be found at:

Biomedical and Translational Science, <http://www.som.uci.edu/graduate-studies/education/ms-bats.asp>
and Public Health, http://publichealth.uci.edu/ph_docs/grad/mph_program.

Program Duration

The PRESTIGE Research Training Program is one year in length. If approved by the trainee's funding agency, a second year can be considered to maximize student performance.

Fellowship Start

Applications are accepted throughout the year and the typical start times are March through July yearly. Start time is flexible to fit the trainee's schedule and consistent with SACM guidelines.

PRESTIGE Program Directors

Shahram Lotfipour, MD, MPH, FAAEM, FACEP, and Bharath Chakravarthy, MD, MPH, FAAEM, FACEP



Application Process for International Applicants

To apply to the PRESTIGE Fellowship, please email the following documents for the committee's review of your credentials to IntFellowUCISOM@uci.edu:

Complete application in English which is required for training and fellowship programs consideration:

1. One page personal statement
2. Your CV or resume
3. USMLE score reports. You will need to pass Step 1 on first try, and complete Step 2 CK prior to your anticipated PRESTIGE program start date.
4. SACM letter for admission
5. SACM ID number
6. Preferred PRESTIGE program start date
7. Three letters of recommendation from professors with significant knowledge of applicant
8. Medical school transcripts, graduation and internship certificate in English
9. Paragraph self-evaluation of English verbal fluency/writing skills.
10. Photograph

Contacts

Fellowship Programs Email:
IntFellowUCISOM@uci.edu

Fellowship Programs Website:
<http://www.emergencymed.uci.edu/global-health/prestige-program.asp>

Fellowship Contact:

Ms. Melissa Pham
Phone: 1(714) 456-5922

Ms. Alodia Batista
Phone: 1 (714) 456-8642

Address:

Global Health and Education
UC Irvine Health
333 City Boulevard West
Suite 640, Route 128-01
Orange, CA 92868