We are delighted that you are considering PRIME Leadership and Advocacy (PRIME-LA) at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and its affiliated program at the UCLA/Charles Drew University (CDU) Medical Education Program. At PRIME-LA, faculty advisors, caring staff, community members and supportive fellow classmates are part of a vibrant campus community that will enthusiastically support you as you pursue your personal goals and ambitions and turn them into accomplishments. PRIME-LA is committed to developing the future leaders that will change the face of medicine as well as improve the health care delivery, research and policy in underserved communities.

APPLICATION:
Students will apply through the AMCAS
Application to PRIME-LA
Deadline: Mid-October
Please visit our Admissions website www.medschool.ucla.edu/prime

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- Longitudinal PRIME mentorship with faculty, alumni and medical students
- Leadership and Advocacy Summer Foundations Program
- Leadership and advocacy curriculum
- Year-long community partnered group project
- Funded health disparities summer research
- PRIME faculty

CANDIDATES SOUGHT
We are looking for outstanding individuals who will become dynamic physician advocates engaged in health careers and leadership in areas of policy, research, administration and clinical care that addresses the needs of underserved populations.

Qualified candidates are evaluated using criteria that includes experience with and commitment to working with California and U.S. underresourced populations as well as experience in leadership and advocacy roles. Additional review of the strength of the application will include the core objective criteria of GPAs and MCATs, a secondary application, letters of recommendation and, for the final round of candidates, structured MMI interviews.

Candidates may apply to either PRIME designations, PRIME-LA Westwood or PRIME-LA CDU on their secondary application.
**MISSION**

The mission of PRIME-LA is to develop and train leaders and advocates in medicine who will address policy, care and research in healthcare for the underserved through leadership and advocacy. We enroll committed and qualified candidates to PRIME-LA and educate them to impact health care delivery, public health, and public policy in areas important to medically underserved populations.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

PRIME-LA is a five-year concurrent-degree Medical (MD) and Master’s program; the master’s degree being in an area complementary to the program’s mission (e.g. MBA, MPH, MPP, MS, MSW).

A demonstrated commitment to serve in, and experience working with, diverse medically underresourced populations is paramount.

Each year’s cohort is composed of approximately 18 students. Students will identify with one of two PRIME-LA designations: PRIME-LA Westwood (14) or PRIME-LA CDU (4).

**CURRICULUM**

UCLA DGSOM initiated a curriculum transformation, which was ushered in August 2020 and will be finalized in the subsequent year. For the latest updates on curriculum please visit the curriculum redesign website:

[medschool.ucla.edu/MD-curriculum-redesign](medschool.ucla.edu/MD-curriculum-redesign)