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- Do What’s Right
- Make Things Better
- Be Kind

To learn more about the Cultural North Star visit: medschool.ucla.edu/cultural-north-star/about

Diversity Statement

At the David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM), the core values of diversity and inclusion are inseparable from our institutional goals of excellence in all tenets of healthcare, research, education, and community engagement. With the active support of its leadership, DGSOM is committed to recruiting and retaining outstanding students, residents, fellows, staff, and faculty from diverse backgrounds who represent the communities served by the University of California. Our goal is to foster an environment of respect that celebrates the unique perspectives, contributions, and expertise that each individual brings to DGSOM. Through a process of continual reevaluation, reflection, and feedback, we are unwavering in our dedication to achieve justice, equity and diversity inclusion.

Affiliations

In addition to UCLA Health — which includes Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center; UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital; Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA; and UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica — the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is affiliated with a number of diverse health care institutions:

**Hospitals:**
- Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles
- Northridge Hospital Medical Center
- Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles
- VA Greater Los Angeles Health System
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles
- Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles

**Other Teaching Partners:**
- Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Los Angeles
- Renee and Meyer Luskin Children’s Clinic of Orthopaedic Hospital, Los Angeles
- L.A. Orthopaedic Hospital/Clinic, Los Angeles
- Venice Family Clinic, Venice, California

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**Mission**

To improve health and health care, UCLA will:

- Create world leaders in health and science
- Discover the basis for health and cures for disease
- Optimize health through community partnerships
- Heal humankind one patient at a time

The global pandemic has rendered many elements in life challenging. How do you choose the next step in your journey without stepping foot on an academic medical center’s campus? For medical students, it’s not about a degree, it’s about a life of impact.

**Experience for yourself what the David Geffen School of Medicine has to offer, the people you would know, and the life you would lead.**
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Degrees: MD

DGSOM seeks students who will be future leaders, have distinguished careers in clinical practice, teaching, research and public service. The school strives to create an environment in which students prepare for a future in which scientific knowledge, societal values and human needs are ever changing.

somadmiss@ucla.edu  310-825-6081
medschool.ucla.edu/apply

Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)

Degrees: MD/PhD

Our MSTP is dedicated to educating and training exceptionally qualified individuals for careers in the biomedical and socio-medical sciences. The average time to complete both degrees for students in the UCLA-Caltech MSTP is eight years. The traditional course of study begins with the first two years of medical school, followed by four years of PhD graduate training (at UCLA or Caltech), and concluding with the third and fourth years of medical school. The MSTP and David Geffen School of Medicine work with students to facilitate successful completion of all aspects of student training.

MSTP@mednet.ucla.edu  310-794-1817
mstp.healthsciences.ucla.edu

PRIME-L (Leadership and Advocacy)

Degrees: MD + Master’s

UCLA PRIME is a five-year dual degree program focusing on the development of leaders in medicine addressing policy, care, and research in health care for the underserved. The dual degree program leads to a MD and a Masters in areas that complement the mission of the program. These might include a Master in Business Administration, Public Health, or Public Policy. The cohort will be composed of approximately 18 students. Students will identify with one of two programs: PRIME Westwood (14) or PRIME-Drew (4). Each program will coordinate with the others but acceptance will be to PRIME-LA.

Primela@mednet.ucla.edu  310-794-5912
medschool.ucla.edu/uclaprime

UCLA/Drew Medical Education Program

Degrees: MD

The mission of the College of Medicine is to provide education, research, and clinical service in the context of community engagement in order to train physician leaders who promote wellness, who provide care with excellence and compassion and who are committed to transforming the health of diverse and underserved communities. Students matriculate with the David Geffen School of Medicine and complete their pre-clerkship coursework at the UCLA campus and clinical rotations in South LA and surrounding underserved communities.

medadmissions@cdrewu.edu  323-563-4978
cdrewu.edu/com

Summer and Post-baccalaureate Programs

UCLA Pre-medical Enrichment Program
medschool.ucla.edu/apply/prep

UCLA Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP)
medschool.ucla.edu/apply/shpep

UCLA Reapplication Program
medschool.ucla.edu/apply/rap

― Clarence Braddock III, MD, MPH
Vice Dean for Education, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

“At the David Geffen School of Medicine, we are united in a shared purpose to empower students to become physicians committed to excellence and leaders in innovation, research, health, education, advocacy and humanistic care.”

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Admissions

Successful applicants will have obtained a Bachelor’s degree from a US or Canadian college, or the equivalent, by completing at minimum three years of undergraduate or graduate level college coursework. The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA does not evaluate specific prerequisite coursework. Instead, applicants are given the flexibility to demonstrate mastery of competency areas throughout their unique academic history. We use a holistic process to review applications for admission. All applications received are reviewed and select applicants are invited to submit a secondary institutional application. Following comprehensive holistic review of both the primary application and secondary application, select applicants are then invited to interview. Final offers of admission are determined by the Admissions Committee.

Cost of Tuition & Fees 2020-21 only

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Please note, living and other expenses are additional. Visit the admissions website for more information:

medschool.ucla.edu/apply-competencies

Scholarships

- The David Geffen School of Medicine offers both merit and need-based scholarships.
- Our main, comprehensive scholarships offered are:
  - David Geffen Medical Scholarship: provides financial support for the four-year cost of attending medical school: in-state tuition & fees (out-of-state tuition is covered for Year 1 only) plus an annual living stipend
  - LA Care Scholarship: pays in-state tuition & fees (out-of-state tuition and fees are covered for Year 1 only) plus an annual living stipend
  - Leaders of Tomorrow Scholars Program: pays full tuition & fees, as well as a one-time, $5,000 research stipend

Need-based Scholarships: The DGSOM Financial Aid Office emails information/instructions on applying for financial aid to all entering medical students who have been accepted to the David Geffen School of Medicine. Medical student financial aid applicants are invited to apply for need-based scholarships, in addition to student loans, by providing both student and parent income and asset information on the financial aid application.

For more information, visit medschool.ucla.edu/current-financial-aid-scholarships or email the Financial Aid office: fao@mednet.ucla.edu.
“I went to Cape Town, South Africa for the summer and worked in the student-run clinics,” says Alexandria Thomas, a UCLA/Drew medical student presenting her research at a poster fair.

Kera Kwan, a third-year student at the David Geffen School of Medicine teaches sunrise yoga.

Kevin Perez, a third-year medical student participated in Grad Games. “Grad Games is a friendly competition with all the graduate schools. We brought the trophy home, back to the medical school.”

Jessica Cranston, a third-year student attending the Wilderness Medicine Workshop.
Student Opportunities

DGSOM boasts more than 70 student-run organizations, including the Medical Student Council, UCLA Beat (literary magazine), mobile and student-run homeless clinics, career specialty interest groups, and campus chapters of national organizations. For more information, visit medschool.ucla.edu/current-student-organizations

Resources

Career Development
The Career Development team in the Student Affairs Office is committed to promoting exploration of career options and the development of professional skill sets for our medical students. Examples of resources include CV workshops, career exploration seminars, resident round tables, and specialty mentorship.

Well-Being
Our Well-Being Office hosts a variety of programming year-round to help students keep fit, healthy, and happy. Together with campus partners, we host workshops on topics such as self-care, school-life balance, creative writing, art therapy, nutrition, healthy food preparation, and more!

Academic Support
Through individual advising as well as a variety of programming and resources to support the medical curriculum, our Academic Support team assists students in establishing good study practices, effective test taking, and time management skills.

Research Advisor
Our research advisor is available to help students explore research opportunities. Examples are listed below:

Year-Long Fellowships:
- Howard Hughes Medical Research Fellows
- UCLA South American Program in HIV Prevention Research Program
- NIH Medical Scholars Research Program
- NIH-Fogarty GloCal (Global) Health Fellowship
- UCLA Pathology Fellowship

Global Health Program
The medical school’s Global Health Program offers a variety of educational programs for UCLA medical students, including field-based research and clinical experiences with our partner institutions in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and South America. In addition, students who want to pursue global health activities throughout medical school are encouraged to join the Global Health Pathway, during which they receive mentorship and support for research or other types of global health activities, career planning, networking, and the development of leadership skills.

Accessible Education
The Center for Accessible Education (CAE) offers services to meet the unique educational needs of regularly enrolled UCLA students with documented permanent and temporary disabilities. The philosophy and mission of the program is to encourage independence, assist students in realizing their academic potential, and to facilitate the elimination of programmatic and attitudinal barriers.

Students in need of an academic accommodation based on a permanent or temporary disability should contact the CAE prior to the start of coursework and/or education activity in which an accommodation is required. The CAE will recommend appropriate academic accommodations to the School of Medicine. The School of Medicine may require additional assessment or evaluation in consultation with the CAE in order to confirm if student is able to meet the technical standards.

To schedule an appointment with the CAE, call 310-825-1501 or visit cae.ucla.edu

Distinguished Faculty

Nationally Ranked
The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA placed No. 11 in primary care and tied for No. 6 in research in a widely watched ranking for 2021. Results of the annual U.S. News and World Report survey of medical schools highlighted UCLA medical school’s position among the nation’s best.

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A New Curriculum for a New Age

UCLA DGSOM is initiating a curriculum transformation, which will be fully ushered in August 2021. Entering MD students will experience a redesigned first-year introducing the foundations of this dynamic new curriculum, which will empower students to become physicians committed to excellence and leaders in innovation, research, health, education, advocacy, and humanistic care.

Follow us on our journey to creating the new curriculum:
medschool.ucla.edu/md-curriculum-redesign

New Features

- Ethics, Professionalism + Professional Identity Formation
- Leadership + Inter-professional Teamwork
- Critical thinking, Curiosity + Inquiry
- Social Justice + Advocacy

MD Curriculum (Academic Year 2021-22, Class of 2025)