

**Research Training Eligibility**

- UCSF Latino medical student in good standing
- Commitment of 8-12 months and relocation to Fresno, California for the time of the fellowship
- Two letters of recommendation from professors or mentors

**Trainee Stipend and Benefits**

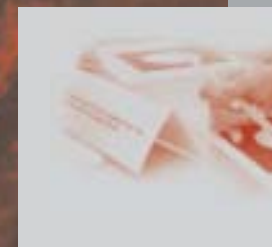
- Hispanic Centers of Excellence (HCOE) financial award will include a monthly stipend plus travel expenses to the annual National Hispanic Medical Association Conference

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## The LaCMER History

The Latino Center for Medical Education and Research (LaCMER) opened its doors in 1996, with initial funding from the UCSF School of Medicine and a federal Partnerships for Health Professions Education (PHPE) grant from the US Public Health Service.

Located in Fresno, California, the LaCMER addresses the persistent shortage and under-representation of Latino physicians in the San Joaquin Valley and in the medical school faculty. There are approximately 350,000 Latino residents in Fresno County in a population of 779,407, according to the 2000 Census. The rest of the Valley shows similar characteristics. In California, less than five percent of all physicians

are Latinos. While the Latino population exceeds 30 percent of the State, approximately three percent of UCSF faculty is Latino.

The Health and Policy Research Unit at the LaCMER has a mission to improve the health of Latino communities of the San Joaquin Valley through assessment, monitoring and research of community health. Other goals include formulating policy recommendations and educating policymakers and the public about important Latino health issues, and training Latino health researchers and faculty.

The LaCMER sponsors minority faculty fellows, Hispanic Centers of Excellence (HCOE) faculty fellows, and HCOE medical student trainees, funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

## LaCMER Latino Medical Student Research Training Description

### Purpose of Traineeship

To train and mentor Latino medical students in research activities and thus encourage them to pursue future research of Latino community health issues.

### Goals and Objectives for Student Trainees

- Participate in a research project of interest from inception to its reporting and publication
- Work closely with a mentor at the LaCMER
- Prepare and give an oral or poster presentation of research at a regional or national meeting
- Explore areas of health research and policy that would otherwise not be available in the standard medical school experience

### Student Research Training Opportunities available

- Research design, statistics, epidemiology or other formal coursework
- Latino community health research, policy recommendations, and advocacy
- Collaboration on program evaluation of health professions education pipeline activities
- Conference attendance and presentation at scientific meetings
- Eight-week summer internship at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia

