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## **UCSF FRESNO OFFERS STUDENTS HANDS-ON MEDICAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

FRESNO – UCSF Fresno is accepting applications for its 20<sup>th</sup> Summer Biomedical Research Internship Program, which provides Central San Joaquin Valley high school students with the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in careers in medicine and valuable research skills that will give them a competitive edge. Students in their junior year of high school from Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced and Tulare counties are eligible to apply.

Selected students will work with UCSF Fresno faculty members from June through August 2007 on a variety of research projects in the Fresno area. Last year, nine students were assigned to research projects involving sleep disorders, thyroid cancer, psychiatric disorders, pediatric orthopedics and plastic surgery.

In addition to conducting research, students in the Summer Biomedical Research Internship Program visit the University of California, San Francisco campus and have the opportunity for other field trips and lectures.

More than 170 high-achieving students have graduated from the program, which began in 1988. Many of the students have gone on to pursue studies at UC campuses and other prestigious universities.

Students are selected based on academic merit, their responses to a questionnaire, interviews and letters of recommendation from their teachers. Thanks in part to the generosity of the Bertha and John Garabedian Foundation, every participant will be awarded a stipend.

The application deadline is Friday, March 16, 2007. To obtain an application or more information, please visit <http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/sbi/> or contact Sharon Hutchinson at (559) 499-6669.

UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program plays a substantial role in providing health care services to San Joaquin Valley residents and training medical professionals in the region. UCSF Fresno has trained approximately one-third of Valley physicians currently practicing in one of the seven specialties in which UCSF Fresno provides training. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, UCSF Fresno has graduated approximately 60 resident physicians every year, totaling more than 2,000 to date. UCSF Fresno faculty and medical residents also care for the overwhelming majority of the area's underserved populations. In addition, UCSF Fresno educates nearly 200 medical students each year as well as provides academic preparation programs for middle- and high-school students interested in the health professions.

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