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UCSF FRESNO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PAID HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

FRESNO – UCSF Fresno is accepting applications for its 22nd Summer Biomedical Research Internship Program, which provides Central San Joaquin Valley high school students an opportunity to gain first-hand experience with 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 2009 on a variety of research projects in the Fresno area. Last year, six students were assigned to research projects involving cancer, metabolic syndrome, and pediatric plastic surgery among other areas.

In addition to conducting research, students in the Summer Biomedical Research Internship Program visit the University of California, San Francisco campus as well as observe a surgical procedure at Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno.

More than 180 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, Feb. 6, 2009. To obtain an application or for more information, please visit <http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/sbi/> or contact Sharon Hutchinson at (559) 499-6414.

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UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program plays a substantial role in providing healthcare services to residents of California's San Joaquin Valley and training medical professionals in the region. The medical education program has trained approximately one-third of Central San Joaquin Valley physicians currently practicing in one of the seven specialties in which it provides training. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, UCSF Fresno has graduated more than 2,000 resident physicians. UCSF Fresno faculty and medical residents care for the overwhelming majority of the area's underserved populations. On an annual basis, the program currently trains about 200 medical residents, nearly 200 medical students and a number of fellows in cardiology, critical care, hospitalist, infectious disease, minimal invasive surgery, pulmonary medicine and wilderness medicine. UCSF Fresno also provides academic preparation programs for middle- and high

school students interested in the health professions through the Doctor's Academy and Junior Doctor's Academy. UCSF Fresno is a key partner in UC Merced's proposed School of Medicine and is expected to play a significant role in the training of medical students at the planned school.