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UCSF FRESNO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

FRESNO – UCSF Fresno is accepting applications for its 24th Summer Biomedical Research Internship (SBI) Program, which provides Central San Joaquin Valley high school students an opportunity to gain experience with careers in medicine and valuable research skills. 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 2011 on research projects in the Fresno area. Last year, eight students were assigned to research involving lung disease, pertussis, sepsis, genetics, breast cancer and Down syndrome.

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

More than 200 high-achieving students have graduated from the program, which began in 1988. Many of the students are now health professionals working in the Valley.

Students are selected based on academic merit, their responses to a questionnaire, and letters of recommendation from their teachers. Thanks to the generous support of EHS Medical Group, every participant will receive a stipend. EHS Medical Group presented UCSF Fresno with a \$10,000 gift in November to continue the SBI program this year.

The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 4, 2011. To obtain an application or for more information, please visit <http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/sbi/> or contact Karin Olson at (559) 499-6426.

UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, established more than 35 years ago, 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. UCSF Fresno currently trains approximately 250 medical residents in nine specialties, more than 30 fellows in 12 subspecialties and about 200 medical students on a rotating basis.

UCSF Fresno faculty and medical residents engage in a broad spectrum of research addressing health issues pertinent to the Valley. UCSF Fresno faculty and residents also care for the overwhelming majority of the region's underserved populations. In addition, UCSF Fresno provides academic preparation programs for middle- and high school students interested in the health professions through the Doctors Academy and Junior Doctors Academy. UCSF Fresno is a key partner in UC Merced's planned School of Medicine and is expected to play a significant role in the training of medical students at the school.

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