UCSF Fresno is Accepting Applications from Students for Summer Biomedical Internship Program

FRESNO – UCSF Fresno is accepting applications for its 28th Summer Biomedical Research Internship Program (SBI), which provides Central San Joaquin Valley high school students an opportunity to gain first-hand experience with careers in medicine and valuable research skills. Students in their junior year of high school who live in Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced and Tulare counties are eligible to apply.

Selected students will work with faculty members at UCSF Fresno from June through August 2016 on a variety of research projects in the Fresno area. Last year, ten students were assigned to research projects such as those addressing cancer, clinical simulation training, diabetes and scleroderma.

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

Since it was established in 1988, more than 200 high-achieving students have graduated from the Summer Biomedical Research Internship Program. Many of the SBI graduates are now health professionals. A number of them have returned to the San Joaquin Valley and are working as doctors, pharmacists and nurses.

Students are selected based on academic merit, questionnaire responses, interviews and letters of recommendation from their teachers. Sixty-six students applied to the program in 2015.

The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 by 5 p.m. For more information, please visit http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/sbi/ or email sbi@fresno.ucsf.edu or call (559) 499-6423.

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About UCSF Fresno: The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, established in 1975, plays a substantial role in providing health care to residents of California’s San Joaquin Valley and training medical professionals in the region. UCSF Fresno is the San Joaquin Valley’s largest physician training program. Annually, UCSF Fresno currently trains approximately 250 medical residents (medical school graduates who are training under senior faculty physicians prior to practicing on their own) in eight specialties, 10 oral and maxillofacial surgery dental
residents, 50 medical fellows (physicians who are completing training beyond residency) in 17 subspecialties and about 300 medical students (students in the process of earning medical degrees) on a rotating basis. One-third of the physicians trained by UCSF Fresno stay in the region to provide UCSF care in the Valley. Thanks to the expertise of faculty physicians at UCSF Fresno, in many cases, travel outside of the region is no longer necessary for patients seeking specialty medical care. 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 helps prepare middle, high school and college students for careers in health and medicine through a variety of pipeline programs. Please visit www.fresno.ucsf.edu

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