Office of Health Career Pathways

The UCSF Fresno Office of Health Career Pathways was established in 2022 to better coordinate and increase the success of existing pathway programs at UCSF Fresno. The UCSF School of Medicine Fresno Regional Campus has provided physician training since 1975. For over 35 years, we have provided programs and services that lead to student academic success and exploration of research and health careers.

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Fresno County Health Youth Corps

The Health Youth Corps began in 2019 as a partnership between UCSF Fresno, the Fresno County Department of Public Health, and the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. The program engages historically marginalized youth, empowering them to be champions of health within their own communities and to serve as ambassadors for health amongst their peers. This allows them to become better informed about the social determinants that impact their own health and wellness and provides these youth with positive life experiences and opportunities to assist them in reaching their full potential. Through collaborations with school systems and public health departments, physicians can increase their ability to effectively impact child health on a larger scale within their own community through efforts such as this. During this two-semester program, teams of high school students representing multiple high schools throughout our county join forces to define health, explore mental health issues and coping strategies, build resilience, develop health advocacy skills; and they create, implement, and present their own community health action research projects at an annual showcase to local county leaders on topics of concern to youth. At completion of this two-semester program, they can serve as mentors to the next group of students.

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UCSF Fresno Academic Research Associates

The Academic Research Associates (ARA) Program offers premedical undergraduate students a unique opportunity to observe clinical medicine and participate in biomedical research. The program takes place within the UCSF Fresno Departments of Emergency Medicine and Surgery at Community Regional Medical Center. Participants may join the program through Fresno State as an elective course. Students must meet eligibility requirements to apply.

https://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/emresearch/ara/

UCSF Aspiring Physician Program (APP) Fresno State

The UCSF Latinx Center of Excellence’s Aspiring Physicians Program (APP) at Fresno State is a six-week intensive summer program where selected college students participate in medical school preparatory workshops, collaborate with local community-based organizations to create research-driven fact sheets, engage in intensive health policy workshops, introductory MCAT preparation, and partake in mentorship aimed at building their exposure, access and confidence in attaining a career in medicine. All students selected will receive a $2,000 stipend during the six-week summer program. The academic year provides mentorship activities, professional development seminars, and medical school readiness workshops. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all activities will remain virtual until further notice. Students must meet eligibility requirements to apply.

https://latinx.ucsf.edu/lcoe-app-fresno-state

San Joaquin Valley - MedBridge (SJV-MedBridge)

The San Joaquin Valley MedBridge Program (SJV-MedBridge) is aiming to extend and highlight access to various workshops related to medicine and support transfer efforts from community colleges to a four-year institution, encourage and provide networking opportunities to and with experts in the premedical community while fostering a community-focused environment for individuals with a shared interest and passion for medicine.

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UCSF Fresno Reaching Out to Aspiring Doctors (ROAD) Conference

ROAD for the San Joaquin Valley is traditionally held as a biennial conference and located on the campus of UCSF Fresno. During the COVID pandemic, the conference transitioned to a virtual platform. The purpose of the conference is to provide aspiring doctors, physicians, and surgeons with the information, resources, skills, and networking that is essential to achieving their educational goals with the hope that they will return to the Valley to provide culturally responsive care. Target Audience: pre-health, pre-medical and public health students from community colleges and universities located within the San Joaquin Valley. In addition, post-baccalaureate students from the Valley who are preparing to apply for medical school, may also attend the conference.

https://sjvpremed.ucsf.edu/road

UCSF Fresno Pre-Medical Surgical Internship

The UCSF Fresno Pre-Medical Surgical Internship Program is a seven-month intensive and comprehensive program designed to prepare current pre-medical students from groups traditionally underrepresented in medicine and from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to successfully matriculate into medical school. This program stemmed from the obvious need for increasing the diversity of the physician workforce in the San Joaquin Valley to meet the needs for our patient population. The program offers interested pre-medical students the unique opportunity to work with the Central Valley’s highly underserved patient population and to experience medicine through UCSF Fresno’s Surgery Department. The program is designed to equip the students with skills, such as networking, professionalism, communication skills, time management, coping with stress, personal statement writing, interviewing, that will serve them well into medical school and thereafter. The program serves an opportunity for the students to build a mentorship network that will support them through their application process and beyond. The aim of the program is to enhance the students’ candidacy for medical school. Students must meet eligibility requirements to apply.

https://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/intentional-recruitment-coalition/internship/

UCSF Fresno Summer Biomedical Internship

The Summer Biomedical Internship Program was established in 1988 to provide a quality biomedical research experience for high school students—the first of its kind in the San Joaquin Valley. The program matches high school students, in the summer between their junior and senior year of high school, with faculty members who have or are developing a research project. In the last twenty-seven years, over two hundred students have participated in the SBI program and many of them are finishing their medical residencies, are working in the biomedicine or biotechnical industries, or are in medical school or doctorate programs at various universities. Students must meet eligibility requirements to apply.

https://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/summer-biomedical-internship-program/

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