BRIDGE TO RESIDENCY PROGRAM

UC San Diego Health Sciences International

WHAT IS THE BRIDGE TO RESIDENCY PROGRAM?

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The UC San Diego Bridge to Residency (BTR) Program is a highly customized opportunity for international medical graduates to gain valuable skills and knowledge in preparation for graduate medical education. Bridge Scholars participate in activities aimed at preparing them for applying for the Match as well as excelling in residency.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES
The Program is for international medical graduates interested in pursuing residency in North America.

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PROGRAM GOALS
BTR Scholars will:
- gain clinical skills and knowledge designed to maximize their ability to pursue graduate medical education in North America
- gain skills, knowledge and experience in biomedical research
- gain firsthand experience with evidence-based, patient-centered healthcare
- receive guidance on the Match process (application, personal statement, interview)
- develop a professional network including UC San Diego faculty members and trainees
- understand the culture and practice of medicine in North America

PROGRAM ELEMENTS
- Clinical Professionalism Training
- Research education and training
- Clinical care sessions in the UC San Diego Health system
- USMLE Step 2CK Preparation (if needed)
- Acculturation training
- Other educational activities including case conferences, grand rounds, and journal clubs

PROGRAM DURATION
The BTR Program is typically 6-12 months long based on each scholar’s need and availability.

90%
PERCENTAGE OF SCHOLARS MATCHED IN 2022

Limited Scholarships Available: For More Information, click here
The Bridge to Residency Program at UCSD has provided the career skills and training tools I needed to become successful in the field: to detect and diagnose pathological diseases, assist multidisciplinary medical teams, and ensure the best outcome for patients.

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BTR Scholar Alum 2021
Matched to University of Colorado (PGY1) Pathology
ECFMG®, a member of Intealth, serves the U.S. public and graduate medical education (GME) community by assuring that IMGs are ready to enter U.S. GME.

First-year Residency Positions Offered
- 2021: 35,194
- 2022: 36,277
- Increase: 1,083

IMG Participation
- 2021: 13,238
- 2022: 12,912

IMGs Matched
- 2018: 6,862 (56.5%)
- 2019: 7,025 (58.8%)
- 2020: 7,376 (61.1%)
- 2021: 7,508 (56.7%)
- 2022: 7,670 (59.4%)

2022 U.S. Citizen IMGs
- Participants: 5,048
- Matched: 3,099 (61.4%)
- Did Not Match: 1,949 (38.6%)

2022 Non-U.S. Citizen IMGs
- Participants: 7,864
- Matched: 4,571 (58.1%)
- Did Not Match: 3,293 (41.9%)

Source: National Resident Matching Program® 2022 Main Residency Match® Advance Data Tables.

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