ACE PROGRAM

UC San Diego Health Sciences International

WHAT IS THE ACCELERATED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM?

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Accelerated Clinical Experience (ACE) Program provides an opportunity to gain experience in a top-ranked US Academic Medical Center. Scholars gain an overview of the U.S. medical system as well as learn about best practices in patient care. Scholars participate in clinical care sessions, lectures, journal clubs, and other relevant academic activities. The program is well-designed for international physicians intending to apply for the U.S. or Canadian Residency Matches.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES
This program is appropriate for “senior” international medical students and recent international medical graduates.

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PROGRAM GOALS
Program participants will:
· Gain clinical knowledge in a leading healthcare system
· Gain exposure to evidence-based, patient-centered healthcare
· Develop a professional network including UC San Diego faculty members and trainees
· Gain knowledge that will help them successfully pursue graduate medical education in North America

PROGRAM ELEMENTS
· Clinical care sessions in the UC San Diego Health system
· Lectures
· Other activities including case conferences, grand rounds, and journal clubs

PROGRAM DURATION
The ACE Program is variable in duration based on each scholar’s need and availability. The minimum duration is 2 months and the maximum is 6 months.

96%
PERCENTAGE OF ACE SCHOLARS MATCHED IN 2022

Limited Scholarships Available: For more information, click here
I am an international medical graduate from India. I was among the lucky ones from India who got in time for US Clinical Experience before the travel ban. I was an ACE Scholar in the cardiology department for four weeks. Out of all the observerships I did for the past few months, I can say this ACE Program stands out in terms of quality. What I liked most about this program was having a mentor for the whole duration I was here. I was granted view-only EMR access in this observership, which gave me a chance to learn how the EMR works. On average, I would spend 6-7 hours with my mentor each day. The highlight of my time at UCSD was my mentor, Dr. Narezkina. She was fantastic and being an IMG herself, she advised me regarding the application process. She would answer all my questions patiently. Dr. Narezkina taught me how to read ECGs and the basics of echocardiograms. For the first two weeks, I worked with her in her office reading ECGs and echocardiograms on Mondays and Tuesdays and in the outpatient clinic where we would see 17-18 patients on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. In the last two weeks, along with everything, we would also see 6-7 inpatient consults daily. We would primarily see oncology patients with cardiac ailments. Also, I had the chance to interact with the cardiology fellows. This experience gave me a proper insight into the U.S. health care system. Like everyone, I was skeptical about the cost of this observership program, but in the end I am glad I took this opportunity!

ADHVITHI PINGILI - PRATHIMA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES/UCSD HEALTH SCIENCES INTERNATIONAL

Adhvithi matched to MedStar Health (Baltimore, Maryland) for 2022!

Congratulations, Adhvithi!
My ACE program mentor Dr. Vala Hamidi is my role model. She was an IMG ten years ago, finished residency in Methodist New York, fellowship and research in MD Anderson, and now an assistant professor of endocrinology in UCSD. We have been jokingly saying that I will go through the same adventure as she experienced ten years from now on.

This one-month experience granted me intense endocrinology knowledge. Dr. Hamidi is such a great educator. She is also good at relating the latest clinical trials in light of her research enthusiasm. I kept a OneNote diary of what I learned every day.

I picked up many lessons on better patient care delivery too. Dr. Hamidi is good at breaking down complex endocrine terms into more understandable language. She uses a factory metaphor for the thyroid gland, which is vivid and something I would borrow for my future patient encounters.

I felt utterly fortunate to have this month’s fantastic journey with Dr. Hamidi and the endocrinology department team. Many thanks to the HSI team for the timely responses and considerate arrangements. I highly recommend future scholars to embrace this extraordinary opportunity at UCSD.
Curious about a 'typical day' for an ACE scholar?

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International Medical Graduate (IMG) Performance in the 2021 Main Residency Match®

First-year Residency Positions Offered

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2020 Match

- 7,376 (61.1%) IMGs Matched

2021 Match

- 7,508 (56.7%) IMGs Matched

2021 U.S. Citizen IMGs

- 5,295 Participants
  - 3,152 (59.5%) Matched
  - 2,143 (40.5%) Did Not Match

2021 Non-U.S. Citizen IMGs

- 7,943 Participants
  - 4,356 (54.8%) Matched
  - 3,587 (45.2%) Did Not Match

Source: National Resident Matching Program® 2021 Main Residency Match® Advance Data Table
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