**Highland Hospital**

**Department of Emergency Medicine**

**Visiting Elective Scholarship Program (VESP)**

The Visiting Elective Scholarship Program, supported by the Department of Emergency Medicine, was established to encourage fourth year medical students who are members of a community that is underrepresented in medicine to apply for the emergency medicine clerkship (EM: 140.40) at Highland Hospital.

The goals of this scholarship are to:

1. Expose fourth year medical students who are underrepresented in medicine to an academic emergency medicine training program.
2. Promote student interest in applying to an emergency medicine residency training program.
3. Provide an opportunity for a student to travel and experience a rotation that is far from their home institution through defrayment of the financial costs of doing so. This does not exclude students from schools in California!

Our clinical emergency clerkship at Highland Hospital is a dynamic four-week rotation for qualified fourth year medical students interested in learning emergency medicine. It is a challenging and fun rotation where students will have the opportunity to care for acutely ill patients, perform a variety of procedures, learn bedside ultrasound from our esteemed fellowship faculty, attend weekly didactic conference, and be exposed to concepts of social emergency medicine.

Up to three scholarships of $1,500 will be awarded to the selected student and to be used toward the cost of transportation and lodging. Additionally, the $200 rotation enrollment fee will be waived.

**Who can apply?**

* Fourth year U.S. visiting medical students who are underrepresented in medicine are encouraged to apply. This includes underrepresented minority students, LGBTQ students, and socioeconomically underrepresented students.
* Only students who are going into Emergency Medicine
* Students must be in good academic standing at an accredited US medical school.
* All standard application requirements for this elective through VSAS detailed on the website must be met.

**Application**

* Complete the VSAS application for the Highland Hospital Emergency Medicine/ ALCSEM Clerkship. Details about our elective are on our website at: http://www.highlandemergency.org
* Complete the VESP application.

**Selection**

The scholarship of $1,500 is to be used toward transportation cost and lodging.

It will be awarded on the basis of:

* Academic achievement and leadership as indicated in the submitted applications
* An interest in pursuing a career in emergency medicine
* An interest in working with underserved populations

**Decisions are made on a rolling basis, with early applications encouraged!**

\*\*Scholarship funds will be awarded after the student completes the elective. Receipts for transportation and lodging must be submitted for reimbursement.

VESP participation is not affiliated with the emergency medicine residency match program and participation in the program does not guarantee a residency program interview.

**More Information:**

For more info or to submit your application, please contact:

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