MSRTP Mentors

The MSRTP mentors are faculty/researchers who provide scholarly support to medical students. Faculty mentors have been a vital component in the growth and stability of the CDU Research Thesis Program.

Mentors provide assistance in the following areas:

1) They lead and guide students in the development and implementation of a research thesis.

2) They provide in-kind dedicated time to: a) assist students in the development of a research thesis protocol, and b) supervise and assist student(s) in developing their IRB protocols and obtaining IRB approval.

3) They oversee and supervise the execution of the research protocol, data analysis, and in the preparation of any presentations and manuscripts.

4) They encourage medical students to submit the results of their research thesis for publication consideration in peer-reviewed journals and/or for presentation at scientific conferences.

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Links to Websites

- CDU:  www.cdrewu.edu
- MSRTP: http://www.cdrewu.edu/com/research-education
- UCLA STPP: http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/current/research/default.cfm
MSRTP Benefits

The thesis requirement places CDU among a few select medical schools nationally, providing research training as a requirement in the medical education curriculum. The program fosters the CDU mission of excellence in research on underserved populations through our goals and objectives:

- Conduct ethical research.
- Develop literacy and competency in accessing and using appropriate electronic health media information.
- Use bibliographic software for referencing and citing published work.
- List and describe terms, concepts and fundamentals of scientific inquiry.
- Develop and manage an independent research project.
- Demonstrate the capacity for scientific reasoning, interpreting scientific data, and skills to critically appraise existing medical information.
- Communicate scientific findings.

The MSRTP trains and promotes critical thinking, self-education, acquisition of research knowledge and skill-building for medical students. The MSRTP trains medical students to become leaders in their prospective academic endeavors.

Medical students who complete this program are recognized by the Dean at the Hippocratic Oath Ceremony for creative and scholarly work in conjunction with a faculty mentor as part of the “Thesis Program of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.”

The MSRP positions CDU medical students in a more competitive rank in their career choices by providing wider academic options for their selection in residency programs.

Medical students and faculty members have publication incentives that help their careers and the CDU mission.

Research Opportunities

The CDU MSRTP offers 1st and 2nd year medical students a chance to start working on their research thesis early in their academic training during the UCLA Short Term Training Program (STTP).

The MSRTP Chair, Dr. Shahrzad Bazargan-Hejazi, can assist you with: 1) finding a suitable mentor, 2) developing a research question, and 3) research protocol development.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of research fellowships and other opportunities. Both summer and year-long opportunities are available. For more information contact:

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