MSRTP Mentors

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

Mentors provide assistance in the following areas:

1) Lead and guide students in the development of research question.
2) Assist student in the development of research protocol and thesis.
3) Oversee and supervise the execution of the research protocol, data analysis, preparation of any presentations and manuscript.
4) Encourage medical students to submit results of their research thesis for publication consideration in peer reviewed journals and/or presentation in scientific conferences.

Short Term Training Program (STTP)

The STTP is a UCLA medical student research program that occurs during the summer between the freshman and sophomore years in medical school. Student research projects in the STTP may focus on basic, translational, clinical or health services research. All UCLA and UCR students are invited to participate.

Links to websites

- CU: www.cdrewu.edu
- MSRTP: www.cdrewu.edu/com/medi/news/primary_ care.htm (under construction)
- UCLA STTP: www.medsstudent.ucla.edu/current/research/default.cfm

Medical Student Research Thesis Program (MSRTP)

Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science College of Medicine
1731 East 120th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90059
323.563.4965
MSRTP Benefits

The required engagement in the longitudinal research program places CDU among a few select medical schools, nationally, providing research training in the medical education curriculum. MSRTP fosters the CDU mission of excellence in research, among the underserved population.

MSRTP is a tool to promote critical thinking, self-education, acquisition of knowledge, attitude, and skills essential for training excellent physicians. MSRTP is a tool to train medical students to become leaders in their prospective academic and clinical endeavors.

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

MSRTP 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

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