UCSF School of Medicine

Medical Education

Dear School of Medicine Faculty,

Are you interested in recruiting a UCSF medical student to help with a short-term summer research project? If so, we invite you to **register for the Visit-a-Mentor program** by **Wednesday, December 3, 2025**.

Each year, UCSF medical students participate in over 200 faculty-mentored research projects as part of the **Bridges Curriculum**. From eight-week summer projects to full-time, yearlong experiences, students contribute meaningfully to scholarship across UCSF and beyond.

What is Visit-a-Mentor?
Visit-a-Mentor is a structured virtual event taking place from January 6-9, 2026, allowing students to learn about ongoing research projects and explore potential mentorship opportunities.

Students can choose between two types of sessions:

- 20-minute one-on-one sessions with a faculty mentor
- 50-minute small group sessions, similar to office hours

Who Participates?
First-year UCSF medical students seeking mentors for their **Summer Explore Research** projects, which run approximately eight weeks each summer**.**

Why Participate?
Mentoring offers faculty a rewarding opportunity to support the next generation of physician-scientists while advancing their own research goals.

Students gain valuable skills, mentorship, and professional connections. Past participants overwhelmingly found Visit-a-Mentor helpful in securing a research mentor.

How to Join:

- **REGISTER for the Visit-a-Mentor program** by **Wednesday, December 3, 2025.** Your information will be shared with medical students, who will then request sessions for your approval.
- **Update your UCSF Profile** with mentoring information (details below).
- **Watch** our short video: ***Tips for Mentoring Medical Students***.

UCSF Profiles mentoring section
The new Mentoring Section of **UCSF Profiles** lets you highlight your mentoring interests and current projects. All faculty are encouraged to consider **adding a mentoring section to their profile**, especially those interested in mentoring medical student research.

View step-by-step instructions to add the mentoring section to your UCSF profile.

Thank you for your interest in mentoring UCSF medical students. We are aiming to continue to expand our mentor network. Please share this opportunity with your colleagues and department leaders.

Please contact the **Inquiry Staff Team** if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Inquiry Curriculum Team

Register Now: Visit-a-Mentor Program

Curious about Mentoring?

Learn more about mentoring medical research in the video, "Tips for Mentoring Medical Students."

