

## RTP Application Information

Applicants must have a medical degree prior to the residency program start date from one of the following:

- Medical schools in the United States and Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) <sup>[1]</sup>; *or*
- Colleges of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) <sup>[2]</sup>; *or*
- Medical schools outside of the United States or Canada recognized by the California Medical Board <sup>[3]</sup>

We encourage application by a broad pool of diverse applicants; UCSF is fully committed to nurturing diversity in all of its many permutations. (For more general information, go to the campus diversity website <sup>[4]</sup>. For information specific to residency training at UCSF, go to the UCSF Graduate Medical Education website <sup>[5]</sup>.)

As our vision statement reads, we are firmly dedicated to training ?Leaders in Psychiatry,? and thus, we are particularly interested in recruiting residents planning careers in research, academic psychiatry, and/or leadership positions in clinical settings such as community mental health clinics or large health care organizations.

### Applying to our program

All applications to the UCSF Psychiatry Residency Training Program are accepted through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) <sup>[6]</sup>. Our NRMP Program Categorical Code is **1062400C0**. *If you are a current student or a graduate of a medical school located outside of the United States, please be sure to read the information below under the header ?International Medical Graduates? before applying.*

Our residency program requires all applicants to complete a supplemental application. You can access the **supplemental application form** <sup>[7]</sup> online.

We also offer a dedicated pathway for residents committed to pursuing future careers as full-time physician-scientists in basic science, translational science, clinical, and health services research. The goal of our Resident Research Training Program (RRTP) <sup>[8]</sup> is to help residents get into research post-doctoral fellowships following residency training. Applicants interested in applying to the RRTP should apply using the same NRMP Program Categorical Code, **1062400C0**. In addition to ERAS, applicants interested in the RRTP must also complete a **research supplemental application** <sup>[9]</sup>. A complete ERAS application and a research supplemental application are required for the RRTP.

## Application checklist

To complete our application process, all of the following materials must be completed and submitted through ERAS:

- Supplemental application (as described above)
- Medical/osteopathic school transcript
- MSPE (dean's letter) from medical/osteopathic school
- Personal statement
- Curriculum vitae
- USMLE Transcript: A passing score on USMLE Step I and Step II (Clinical Knowledge and Clinical Skills) is **required** for all trainees prior to beginning a UCSF GME program. To meet this requirement, **applicants should have passed USMLE Step II (CK and CS) prior to placement on UCSF rank order lists (exceptions will be made due to COVID-19 testing constraints)**. In selected cases, with the approval of the program director and the Office of Graduate Medical Education, applicants may be placed on UCSF rank order lists without the USMLE Step II (CK and CS) score.
- Three letters of recommendation. At least one letter needs to be from a faculty psychiatrist who can comment directly on your clinical performance in psychiatry (a departmental letter from your home psychiatry department is not expected; letters from individual faculty members are preferred.) Of the remaining letters, at least one needs to be from a non-psychiatrist commenting directly on your clinical work in a different specialty such as pediatrics, OB/GYN, medicine, etc.

## Interviews

Interviews cannot be scheduled until all required documents listed above have been received. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that their application is complete.

- Complete applications will be screened, and approximately 96 candidates will be invited to interview for 16 PGY-1 positions.
- Interview days are held from mid-to-late November through early-to-mid February.

## Interview day structure

- Program orientation
- Program welcome (program director and department chair)
- Interviews with program director, faculty, and residents
- Group Q&A session with residents
- Group Q&A session with the program director
- Opportunities to view recorded sessions (program overview, program highlights, virtual tours of the health systems, day-in-the-life of a resident, etc.)
- **NOTE:** if you are interested in applying to the Research Resident Training Program (RRTP) <sup>[8]</sup>, you will be invited for two days of interviews (one specifically for research and one for the general program).

The explicit goals of the interview day are:

- for you to get answers to any questions you may have about the program
- for you to get a sense of our three main training sites, San Francisco, and the San Francisco Bay Area
- for you to have an opportunity to talk to residents from all four training years
- for you to meet one-to-one with several faculty members and residents
- for us to get to know you as well

In addition, prior to your interview you will receive additional written materials about the program and UCSF, and you will have an opportunity to review a sample contract <sup>[10]</sup>.

## Deadline

The firm application deadline for Match 2021 is **October 21, 2020**. Applications received after this date will not be screened. Applications are screened on a rolling basis, so applicants should apply well before the deadline.

## International medical graduate requirements

Each state has its own Medical Practice Act, and the requirements for training and licensure for graduates of international medical schools vary. The UCSF School of Medicine requires that all international medical school applicants:

- Be a citizen or hold permanent resident status or qualify for a J-1 visa
- Possess a valid ECFMG certificate
- Possess a California Medical Board "Applicant Evaluation Status Letter" certifying that you may start post-graduate medical training in California
- Register with the National Resident Matching Program

For more information, go to the Graduate Medical Education website <sup>[11]</sup> for international medical graduates.

***If you are not a citizen of the United States***, and you do not hold Permanent Resident status, you will be required to secure the ECFMG-J1 visa to enter this institution for medical training. UCSF does not sponsor H 1 visas for medical trainees. *Compliance with the above requirements must be met, without exception, before your application can be considered.*

## Additional resources for international medical applicants

- Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates <sup>[12]</sup>
- UCSF Services to International Students & Scholars <sup>[13]</sup>

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**Links**

[1] <http://www.lcme.org/directory.htm>

[2] <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/about/affiliates/Pages/osteopathic-medical-schools.aspx>

[3] [http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Medical\\_Schools/Schools\\_Recognized.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Medical_Schools/Schools_Recognized.aspx)

[4] <http://diversity.ucsf.edu/>

[5] <http://medschool.ucsf.edu/gme/Diversity/index.html>

[6] <https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/>

[7] <http://psychiatry.ucsf.edu/RTPsupplementalapp>

[8] <https://psychiatry.ucsf.edu/rtp/research>

[9] <https://psychiatry.ucsf.edu/researchsupplementalapp>

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[https://psych.ucsf.edu/sites/psych.ucsf.edu/files/GME\\_sample%20agreement\\_appointment%20letter\\_RTP\\_2018.pdf](https://psych.ucsf.edu/sites/psych.ucsf.edu/files/GME_sample%20agreement_appointment%20letter_RTP_2018.pdf)

[11] <http://medschool.ucsf.edu/gme/aboutucsf/foreign.html>

[12] <http://www.ecfm.org/>

[13] <http://isso.ucsf.edu/>