

# **Come and Join the UCSD Department of Emergency Medicine's Combined Faculty Mentor Program/Research Associate Program**

The UCSD Department of Emergency Medicine is looking for eligible students to join the Faculty Mentor Program/Research Associate (RA) Program. This program combines the mentorship of the FMP with the hands on experience of the RA program for a unique opportunity. As an FMP/RA student, you will assist with a variety of ongoing research projects while working on your own Emergency Medicine/Public Health related project. No previous experience is required, although an interest in health care and research will be helpful.

## **Main Duties while in the Program:**

- Work as an RA in the Emergency Department. You will be responsible for identifying eligible patients and collecting data for ongoing study recruitment and research projects.
- Participate in an Emergency Medicine and/or Public Health related project.

## **What are the Current RA Projects?**

- Pulmonary clinical trial recruitment
- Worldwide atrial fibrillation registry
- Spacer device education study
- Abdominal pain, asthma, chest pain, diving injuries, and syncope data registries
- Complementary and Alternative Medicine Study
- Energy Drink Use

## **Requirements to Be Considered for an FMP/RA Position:**

- Be able to meet the requirements for the UCSD FMP, which includes a commitment of 10 hours/week (8 working as an RA in the ED and 2 working on your research project).
- Become a UCSD Medical Center Volunteer prior to the start of the winter quarter (Jan 09). You may view the volunteer processing requirements on the Volunteer Services website: <http://health.ucsd.edu/volunteer/>. *Note: It can take more than a month or two to complete the process.*
- Applications due to Vailala Salazar ([vsalazar@ucsd.edu](mailto:vsalazar@ucsd.edu)) or Academic Enrichment Program office on Campus by November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## **What are Your Benefits to Being an FMP/RA ?**

You have the unique opportunity to work *alongside* faculty physicians, housestaff, and medical students, as well as with patients seen at the medical center. You will gain valuable research experience and enhance your application for graduate/medical school, and earn course credit. Additionally, Volunteer Services provides **free** parking for students who participate.

## **Who to Contact to Get Involved or To Find Out More Information:**

For information about the RA program, contact Nikol LeVine, RA Program Coordinator, UCSD Department of Emergency Medicine, (619) 543-7342 or email at [raprog@ucsd.edu](mailto:raprog@ucsd.edu).

For information about the FMP or to obtain an application, contact Vailala Salazar, Academic Partnership Liaison, UCSD Faculty Mentor Program, (858) 534-5791 or email at [vsalazar@ucsd.edu](mailto:vsalazar@ucsd.edu).