



# Clinical Research Scholar Fellowship

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**Overview:** The UCSD Department of Emergency Medicine Clinical Research Scholar program is designed to train promising EM investigators in the field of emergency medicine research. Research scholars will be paired with a senior faculty member in the department, with the goal of helping academic-minded emergency physicians become funded clinical research scientists.

Our department has a long history of successfully conducting emergency medicine clinical trials. We have been the recipient of a number of federal, state, local, and private grants. The research division alone has dozens of ongoing projects at any given time.

**Fellowship Director:** Gary M. Vilke, MD

**Pre-requisites:** ABEM certified or eligible emergency physicians

**Duration:** 2 Years

**Year One:** Research scholars will concentrate on didactic coursework during their first year, while conducting preliminary work on research projects in their area of interest. All fellows who do not already have an advanced degree in research methodology (PhD, MPH) will be enrolled in the Master of Public Health program at San Diego State University (tuition funded through SDSU/UCSD agreement). Those fellows who already have a research degree will be expected to supplement their knowledgebase through classes at SDSU, or through the UCSD CREST research curriculum.

**Year Two:** The second year will focus on finishing research projects and developing a grant proposal. Scholars will utilize this year to hone their newly found methodological skills and to build upon their first year projects to create a unique research niche in emergency medicine. With quality faculty mentorship and comprehensive didactic training, scholars will graduate with the skills to continue as independent, funded clinical researchers.

## Responsibilities:

- Provide 48 hours/month of clinical service to the Emergency Department at a level determined by the departmental chair.
- Deliver at least one lecture per year to Emergency Medicine residents
- Participate in monthly research conferences
- Actively participate in other departmental educational activities such as journal club, grand rounds, case conferences, and resident/student teaching.
- Serve as reviewer for the Journal of Emergency Medicine
- Actively participate in one or more divisions of the Department of Emergency Medicine to develop area of focus
- Participate in the UCSD Research Assistant Program/Faculty Mentor Program.
- Provide formal mentorship to selected Emergency Medicine residents or medical students working on research projects.

## Salary/Benefits:

- The fellows are funded through the clinical hours they work as this is a non-ACGME fellowship.
- Full benefits including medical and dental will be provided by UCSD during the fellowship.
- Four weeks of vacation are available during the fellowship.
- The department will provide funding for all conferences at which the fellows present original research