What is the UC Davis QSCERT-PC Fellowship?

A 1-3 year primary care research and faculty development fellowship, featuring research focus and training in your chosen fellowship track.

Option for Masters of Public Health (MPH) or Masters of Advanced Study (MAS in Clinical Research) degrees.

Five possible fellowship tracks provide targeted training:
- Comparative Effectiveness Research
  Focuses on comparing the effectiveness of interventions in primary care
- Quality and Safety Research
  Focuses on comparing the quality, safety, accessibility, and cultural competency of primary care services
- Women's Health Research
  Focuses on research to advance population health
- Inter-professional Research
  Focuses on technology-enabled care coordination involving preventive health, mental health, primary care, and social services, and the role of advanced practice nurses and home care nurses in improving primary care services for vulnerable elders
- Economic Research
  Focuses on understanding, applying and critiquing the tools of modern economic analysis

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Quality, Safety, and Comparative Effectiveness Research Training in Primary Care (QSCERT-PC)

A Fellowship in Primary Care
Who chooses an Academic Medicine Career?

Young providers or researchers who have:
- A desire to carry out research
- A passion to teach
- A love of discovery
- A drive to make a difference
- A need for intellectual stimulation

Why consider a Fellowship?
- Caring for patients in an academic environment
- Pursue creative and relevant work through research
- Teaching students, residents, and other faculty
- A strong applicant for academic positions
- Position yourself for greater financial rewards in the future
- Eligible for loan forgiveness (requires separate application to NIH)

Who is eligible to apply for the QSCERT-PC fellowship?

By the time of program entry, eligible applicants should have completed:
- An accredited residency program in family medicine, internal medicine, or pediatrics; or
- A master’s degree with two years of clinical experience as a certified nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant; or
- A PhD or similar doctoral degree in nursing, public health or health services, or other relevant social or qualitative sciences

When should I apply?

- Apply as soon as you can. The program is limited each year to a few select applicants.

What’s special about UC Davis?
- Outstanding mentorship from renowned UC Davis faculty
- Access to resources at UC Davis Clinical and Translational Science Center, Center for Healthcare Policy and Research, Center for Health and Technology, and many other innovative programs
- Sacramento location allows us:
  - Interrelationships with State agencies
  - Opportunities to interact with policy makers
  - Access to Public Health Organizations, including the California Department of Public Health, the largest and preeminent state health department in the nation

“The Center has consistently played an integral role in my research through focused mentorship, statistical help, qualitative methods support, and health economic analysis. Many of these resources are not available anywhere else on campus. The Center also serves as a diverse forum for researchers to share ideas and collaborate”
Daniel Nishijima, M.D., MAS.
Assistant Professor,
Department of Emergency Medicine
University of California, Davis

“My time as a fellow helped me identify key mentors, refine my primary care research focus, and acquire the necessary research skills to make the transition from a strictly clinical career to that of a clinician-researcher.”
Erik Fernandez y Garcia, M.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
University of California, Davis

“By participating in the fellowship program, I gained skills in conducting population-based research. In addition, the experience helped me focus my views on public and community health. The lessons I have learned and the relationships I have formed continue to contribute to my continuing development as a physician and a teacher.”
Ronald L. Fong, M.D., M.P.H.
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