

Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology MSSP

Program Overview

This MSSP provides motivated students with early, longitudinal exposure and mentorship in Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology. Students will explore the specialty through clinical experience, didactic sessions, research, and faculty mentorship.

Program Goals

1. Explore the scope and practice of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.
2. Integrate classroom learning with clinical experience and didactics.
3. Complete a scholarly project in basic or clinical science.
4. Develop sustained mentoring relationships with faculty.
5. Support professional development and self-reflection.

Year-by-Year Structure

M1 Year

- 12-15 hours of Allergy/Immunology activities
- Interest group involvement & service
- Shadowing in UC Allergy Clinics (10+ hrs)
- Attend Tuesday Didactics & Wednesday Grand Rounds
- Two mentor meetings + summer research planning

M1-M2 Summer Research

- 200+ hours; Present at ACAAI or AAAAI
- Research with Dr. Dhamija or other faculty
- Poster, abstract publication, possible manuscript

M2 Year

- Two activities/month (clinical, didactic, etc.)
- At least two mentor meetings

M3 Year

- Required Immunology elective + optional Allergy elective
- One mentor meeting
- Poster competition and publication mentorship

M4 Year

- Two-week Allergy elective (priority access)
- Continued support for publication

Program Details

Course Director & Coordinator: Dr. Yashu Dhamija

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Students Accepted Per Year: 1

Summer Research Stipend: \$2,000

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