

Resident/Fellow Highlight

“UC Davis offers not only an outstanding clinical experience but also mentorship and training in basic science and clinical research. Although always interested in research, I had never received formal training required to make this a part of my career. Through the Mentored Clinical Research Training Program (MCRTP)/K30 program, I have learned the tools necessary to perform scientifically sound clinical and translational research and develop multi-disciplinary teams. Under the guidance of outstanding UCD attendings, Drs. Chris Bowlus, M. Eric Gershwin and Lorenzo Rossaro, I have published 10 papers, received an NIH grant, and a Masters degree in clinical research. I feel that my training at UCD has prepared me extremely well for an academic career.”



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