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The UCSD Clinical and Translational Research Institute’s CREST program

Entitled Clinical Research Enhancement through Supplemental Training (CREST), it is designed to improve the training of clinician investigators and translational researchers by providing a comprehensive, cohesive infrastructure in an environment which promotes interaction between basic scientists and clinical researchers. Scholars differ in levels of prior training and experience in areas covered by the curriculum, in levels of commitment, and in interests.

In order to accommodate the varying needs we have incorporated two mechanisms to permit flexibility while retaining the benefits of structured modular instruction. First, scholars spend the majority of their time working on their primary focus for training as a basic scientist or a clinician investigator. Second, scholars are able to select from two training tracks for participating in the CREST program to supplement their training. Participants are assessed on application to the program for their goals and needs for training in specific areas. In order to accommodate the participants’ busy research and clinical schedules, the courses are offered at La Jolla on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from 4pm-6pm. To accommodate our participants’ busy research and clinical schedules, the courses are offered on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from 4pm-6pm at La Jolla.

The CREST program has a modular format consisting of eight 10-week courses and professional development modules offered over a two-year period. CREST scholars can enroll in any of the individual courses (Track I) or in the full two-year program (Track II). Track II scholars have the option to transfer to the UCSD Masters of Advanced Studies in Clinical Research during the first/second year of training and apply 20 credit hours of the CREST curriculum credits towards the Masters degree.

Who should apply?
The CREST program is for postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty members and doctoral candidates who are interested in pursuing a career in clinical or translational research involving human subjects as well as for pharmacists & nurses involved in clinical or translational research. Program participants need to be affiliated with UCSD. Applicants will be accepted on a space available basis.

The CREST program has two tracks:

Track I
For those who are interested in attending selected modules only.

Track II
For scholars committed to participating in the full program, including completion of all modules.

Application Deadlines:
Track II: January session—September 30
July session - April 30
Track I: year round based on space availability

Fees
UCSD residents, fellows (including laboratory-based fellows), and faculty pay a discounted fee that covers the costs for all lectures, seminars, and course materials, including books.

Application form and other information, can be found on the CREST website: http://crest.ucsd.edu

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For those who are interested in the Master of Advanced Studies in Clinical Research degree, enrollment details and fees can be found at the Masters Degree program web site:
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