

## 699D DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH IN DERMATOLOGY ELECTIVE

**Course Description:** This course is structured for medical students to complete a rotation focusing on clinical and translational research at the Dermatology Clinical Research Center. An emphasis will be placed on understanding clinical research, institutional review board protocol, and research patient interaction. Individual time will be spent with the Director of the Clinical Research Center on developing a personal research project to be initiated and if possible completed during the elective, with the goal of eventual publication or presentation at a medical meeting. Students will be exposed to Phase II and III studies on a variety of dermatological conditions. In addition, they will attend weekly dermatology teaching conferences and bimonthly Department of Dermatology Grand Rounds. Time will be given as well for reading and personal education.

**Department:** Dermatology

**Prerequisites:** Permission from the course director and approval of the Associate Dean of Clinical Education, as well as completion of third year required clerkships. Students will also need to complete the UCI Human Protection Training Course prior to start of elective. Please contact site coordinator to confirm required training when submitting application for elective. All training will need to be completed at least two weeks prior to start of elective.

**Restrictions:** Associate Dean of Clinical Education approval must be obtained prior to beginning research project. Student must submit a UCI-SOM Student research student application.

**Elective Director:** Natasha Mesinkovska, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Dermatology, UC Irvine, 1001 Hewitt Hall, 843 Health Science Road, Irvine, CA, 92697 email: nmesinko@uci.edu

**Instructing Faculty:** Natasha Mesinkovska M.D., Ph.D.

**Course website:** none

**Who to report to on first day:** Margit Juhász, M.D.

**Time and location to report on first day:** 8 am at Clinical Research Center, 843 Health Science Road, 1001 Hewitt Hall, Irvine CA 92697

**Site Coordinator:** Margit Juhász, 949-824-7103, mjuhasz@uci.edu

**Site:** UC Irvine School of Medicine

**Periods:** Available throughout the year

**Duration:** 4-12 weeks

**Number of students:** 3

**Scheduling coordinator:** UCI students please call 714-456-8462 to make an appointment. Student must submit a UCI-SOM Student research or international and independent student application.

**Course Hours:** Your hours will be determined by the faculty member and stated in the proposal submitted to the Associate Dean of Clinical Education, and average approximately 40 hours per week.

**Official Grading policy:** Students will receive a grade of Honors/Pass or Fail. Evaluations will be made by the director of the Clinical Research Center and the clinical research fellow. The grade will encompass dependability, enthusiasm, personal initiative, intellectual curiosity, and overall performance and evolution throughout the elective.