Outlines of the Program and Training Tracks

- A 2-year ACGME-accredited fellowship training program in adult Rheumatology in the clinical track, leading to fulfillment of ABIM requirements for Board Eligibility.
- An optional third year of training for those interested in basic- or clinical-translational research track supported by NIH T32 program geared towards entry into an academic carrier.
- An optional Clinical Rheumatology Fellowship integrated with UCSD Physician Scientist Training Program pathway focused on basic or translational research track.
- Optional advanced Educational opportunities such as CREST Program (with an option of advanced degree) at UCSD Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute. https://actri.ucsd.edu/Pages/default.aspx in conjunction with the clinical and research training.

Fellowship applicants must have successfully completed a 3-year ACGME accredited Internal Medicine residency training program, and be ABIM board.

Welcoming applications through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®), a program of the Association of American Medical College.

https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/
The UCSD Rheumatology Fellowship Training Program is based in the unique civic, scientific, and biotechnology environment of San Diego, and features highly diverse clinical experiences with expert Faculty. In addition to excellence in clinical training, our program offers diverse opportunities for laboratory, translational and clinical research. Our UCSD and affiliated Faculty and institutions represent the highest level of academic medicine, and excellence in medical science.

Clinical experiences include:
- Training at UCSD and VA outpatient continuity rheumatology clinics
- Inpatient consultation experience at the UCSD Medical Center, Thornton hospital, Jacobs Medical Center, Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, VA Medical Center, and Rady’s Children’s Hospital
- Formal curriculum in musculoskeletal ultrasound, including rheumatology ultrasound clinic
- Elective rotations in radiology, medical orthopedics and sports medicine, systemic disease-centered dermatology clinic, metabolic disease/osteoporosis clinic, pain medicine, advanced musculoskeletal ultrasound, and telemedicine

Training in clinical, translational and basic research include:

Applicants interested in pursuing a career in academic medicine, and M.D, Ph.D. applicants are encouraged to apply. Our research strength is uniquely broad in innate and adaptive immunity, inflammation, signal transduction, synovial and cartilage biology, vascular biology, stem cell biology, metabolic arthropathies, and multiple areas of translational research. These include immunopharmacology, computational translational biology (informatics, genomics, proteomics), epidemiology, biomarkers, clinical trials, outcomes, health services research and development, and global health (see below, and Division website).

The basic research program includes joint training opportunities with affiliated faculty at La Jolla Institute of Allergy and Immunology, Sanford-Burnham Research Institute, and other local institutions and Divisions and Departments at UCSD.

Training resources for clinical, translational and health services research, and epidemiology includes the NIH-funded CTSA program, and CREST program http://www.ctri.ucsd.edu/education/crest-program/Pages/default.aspx (crest.ucsd.edu) with opportunities for Masters of Advanced Studies or a Masters of Public Health degree in conjunction with San Diego State University School of Public Health.

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