FACT SHEET on UCAM for Academic Years 2015-16 and 2016-2017

What?: Urban Community Ambulatory Medicine clerkship (UCAM) is a unique, 12-week continuous, longitudinal experience for Year 3 or 4 University Of Minnesota medical students. The 12 weeks will be spent based in a Family Medicine clinic in an urban setting serving a population that predominantly includes lower income patients from diverse backgrounds. Some specific features (such as Spanish-speaking or other characteristic) can be requested upon signing up. UCAM satisfies 8 weeks of required clerkships (Family Medicine (FMCH 7600) and Primary Care Selective (FMCH 7700) and 4 weeks of elective credit (FMCH 7511). Students will receive an overall grade for the FM Clerkship as well as a PC Selective and FMCH elective evaluation. Over the 12 weeks, the curriculum follows that of the 2 required clerkships in addition to UCAM specific curriculum which occurs usually on one day per week.

When?: UCAM is offered three times per academic year during the following times:

UCAM3 2016: SP1, SP2, and SP3 (1/18 – 4/8)
UCAM1 2016: S1, S2, and S3 (5/30-8/12)
UCAM2 2016: F2, F3, and F4 (9/19/12/9)
UCAM3 2017: SP1, SP2, and SP3 (1/16-4/7)

There is a capacity of four students per time (total 12 per academic year). There is a pre-requisite of one inpatient required clerkship prior to UCAM. [Therefore, newly promoted MS2’s should not plan to take UCAM1 as the first course of their third year.]

How?: To secure a place in UCAM, you must complete the UCAM application form prior to [Date TBD]. The coordinator will reply to you within a month. Successful applicants will be offered a clinic site placement and time period prior to the start of the clerkship registration lottery process. For students who accept the offered placement, they will be registered for UCAM during the lottery process. A student must be in good academic standing to participate in UCAM.

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