Flexible Residency Program

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We offer a Flexible Neurology Residency Program ("FlexRes") with areas of concentration in basic research, clinical research, physician educator, or global health. The flexible residency allows residents to dedicate up to six months during their R4 year to research or scholarly pursuits, which can provide an excellent stepping-stone to potential research fellowships after residency and establishing a thriving career in academic neurology or neuroscience. In the past, some flexible residency projects have been awarded R25 grants, and have prepared residents in applying for K08 or K23 grants early in their academic career. In 2015, four of our residents were able to secure R25 grants for research during their R4 and first year after residency. Residents apply for the Flexible Neurology Residency during their R2 year of training. Continuity clinics and some weekend coverage continues during the research months, but there are no other clinical responsibilities. Funding is available for all eligible residents to participate.

Residents interested in becoming clinician-educators or pursuing global health options will also be encouraged to participate in interdepartmental programs that are well developed at UCSF. For more information on our global health opportunities for residents, click here. [1]