

UCSF Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Orthotics and Prosthetic
Residency Program



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Resident information



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Thank you for your interest in the University of California, San Francisco Orthotic and Prosthetic Residency training program. This package contains information on our **program, timeline, application process**.

The Orthotic and Prosthetic Center at UCSF has proven itself on a continual basis as a leader in O&P care, education, research and development. In its 75-year existence, the department has been recognized as a pillar of strength for this institution and has been instrumental in the development of the Orthopaedic Department on the whole.

Our structured education is strategically designed to assist residents in achieving a mastery of the O&P profession, by providing a healthy balance of clinical management, research, and administrative responsibilities. We strongly encourage and foster a sense of leadership and personal growth in each resident that will instill the level of clinical confidence necessary to start you on your path to a rewarding future career.

The Orthotic and Prosthetic division at UCSF holds a strong presence in our three main campuses, Parnassus Heights, San Francisco General Hospital, and Mission Bay. Residents have the unique opportunity of rotating through each of these centers to gain greater clinical exposure and a wider breadth of knowledge from each of our esteemed specialists. This multi-center program affords our residents a well-rounded training experience that is filled with a broadly based and diverse patient population.

Here at UCSF, you will find a house staff whose vigorous enthusiasm for hard work, learning, and teaching is matched only by its collegiality and support for one another. The commitment that our house staff demonstrates, not just to our patients and the O&P profession, but also to our residents is what sets this program apart.

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Program Outline

UCSF is a respected and established orthotic and prosthetic residency site. UCSF provides residents with unique opportunities for learning in an academic hospital setting. The hospital is ranked nationally (US News & World Report) in 11 adult and 9 pediatric specialties. Multiple residency positions (both O&P) are filled annually. Due to the institutional and teaching hospital setting, the residencies are specific to one discipline (either orthotics or prosthetics) and are 1-year positions. The resident's directed study is required to be research based.

Application Process

Applications are accepted via OPRESCAS between mid December to early January. Select candidates will be invited to participate in an on-site interview. These candidates will be notified by the end of January. On-site interviews will be held in February. Resident selections are made by early March. Residency start date is July 1.

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Residency Highlights

- Inpatient and outpatient care
- Multidisciplinary team collaboration
- Large and diverse patient base
- Hands-on, experienced mentors
- Pediatric and trauma orthotic rotation
- Specialty clinics
- ABC exam preparation
- Case presentations
- Resident Research Project
- Orthopedic Grand rounds
- Journal club
- Community outreach events