UCLA School of Dentistry  
Dental Specialty and Ph.D. Program (UCLA DSPP) (K12)

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- **Program Title:** UCLA Dental Specialty and Ph.D. Program (UCLA DSPP)
- **Brief Program Description:**

  UCLA Dental Specialty PhD Program (UCLA DSPP) is a new career development program for a small but selected group of dentists who pursue the dual training in dental specialty clinical training and rigorous scientific research training leading to the specialty certificate and PhD degree. UCLA DSPP Scholars are expected to take the leadership role in advancing patient-oriented challenges facing the current and future of dentistry.

- **Dental Specialties involved in the DSPP:**

  UCLA School of Dentistry postgraduate programs include highly sought after and competitive ADA-recognized specialty programs listed below, which are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and have been granted the accreditation status of “Approval without Reporting Requirements”. All dental specialty programs are affiliated with the Ronald Regan UCLA Medical Center and supported by Graduate Medical Education (GME) with competitive residency stipend.

  Endodontics  
  Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology  
  Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
  Orthodontics
Pediatric Dentistry
Periodontics
Prosthodontics (optional Maxillofacial Prosthetics)

• PhD research areas:

  The School of Dentistry is at the forefront of oral biology research. UCLA DSPP Scholars may participate in a wide range of research areas listed below towards PhD degree in Oral Biology.

  Oral Cancer & Cancer Biology
  Craniofacial Biology & Bioengineering
  Oral Microbiome & Immunity
  Oral Dental & Craniofacial Stem Cells & Regenerative Medicine
  Big Data to Knowledge for Oral, Dental & Craniofacial Research
  Neuroscience & Neuronal Molecular Pathology
  Public Health & Community Dentistry

• Website: is being developed and will be a tab on the following UCLA School of Dentistry Research Division website: https://www.dentistry.ucla.edu/learning/phd-oral-biology