The San Francisco campus proposes the UCSF-Fresno Medical Education and Research Center, a 53,755 assignable square foot (82,030 gross square foot) building. This will replace academic program space in the University Medical Center in Fresno that is scheduled for closure at the end of 2003, and will provide space to consolidate UCSF-Fresno programs from several sites and for expansion of existing programs. The project site is a parcel in downtown Fresno at the location of the Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC).

The project will provide an academic center for UCSF’s undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education programs, and clinical and research programs. UCSF-Fresno’s medical mission in the Central Valley is to help increase the availability of physicians and the quality of medical care in the area. The location of the new facility at the CRMC site, where Fresno Community Hospital is located, will bring UCSF Fresno students, researchers, and administration together to create a more efficient health care and educational delivery system. The land for the project will be donated to the University by the City of Fresno, the Fresno Redevelopment Agency, and the Community Medical Centers.

Space will be provided for offices for Medical Education (2,730 asf) and Graduate Medical Education (16,190 asf); Academic Technology (5,730 asf) including two class laboratories; Educational Outreach (10,560 asf) including library, office, and an auditorium/conference room; offices for Medical Program Administration (2,905 asf), and shared support space (15,640 asf) consisting of conference and multi-purpose rooms, office service rooms, space for expanded programs and student enrollment growth, and building support functions.

The State 2001 Budget Act included authorization of $26,000,000 in lease revenue bonds for preparation of working drawings, construction, and equipment for the project. A total of $1,000,000 in State General Funds had been provided in 1998-99 for preparation of preliminary plans, and campus sources will provide $50,000 for construction.