**Scholarship Overview**

We are proud to offer up to $1500.00 to help offset the costs of travel and housing for highly qualified medical students who wish to do a visiting surgical clerkship at our institution during the months of August through October and whose backgrounds, interests or goals will bring diverse experiences and interests to UVA’s General Surgery Department.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide medical students the opportunity to experience what it is like to live and work in Charlottesville, while experiencing firsthand our Department’s inclusive culture and welcoming environment. This clerkship experience will hopefully encourage students to consider a career in Surgery, enhance students’ awareness of opportunities in academic medicine and provide them with specific mentoring and networking opportunities. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to meet with the Program Director.

Students will rotate for four weeks on one of our core General Surgery rotations such as the Colorectal, Hepatobiliary, Minimally Invasive and Foregut services. They will be expected to function at the level of a sub-intern or advanced medical student. Students will be expected to actively prepare for and participate in morning rounds, attend daytime operations, work at least 2 weekends, and give at least one formal presentation during their visit with us. They will also be expected to attend all morning reports, teaching conferences, morbidity and mortality conferences, and Grand Rounds with our residents.

**Eligibility**
Competitive applicants who have demonstrated academic excellence, strong leadership and a variety of extracurricular experience. Students should be strongly motivated to pursue a career in General Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, or Plastic Surgery. The program is open to applicants who are first generation medical school attendees, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, individuals who have overcome substantial educational or economic obstacles or students who come from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine (Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, Alaskan Native).

**Requirements**
- Must attend an LCME-accredited medical school
- Be on track to complete all required clerkships at home institution
- Completed VSAS application (should include letters of recommendation and medical school transcript)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal statement on why you want to participate in this program and how it will help you achieve your overall career goals
- 2x2 photograph
- USMLE Step 1 score report, and Step 2 score report if available

**Due Date**
Applications are due by May 1st, 2018.

**Contact Information**
Please submit your application materials and forward any questions to Kristen Dudley, General Surgery Residency Coordinator, with questions.
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