

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

UNDERREPRESENTED IN MEDICINE VISITING 4TH YEAR SCHOLARSHIP TO UVA'S ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT.

The University of Virginia Health System has a deep commitment to diversity in our workforce, research and educational programs. In the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, we believe that this commitment to diversity both strengthens our community and ensures delivery of the highest quality patient care. We encourage inclusion of all, including those who are historically underrepresented in medicine such as racial and ethnic minorities, women, LGBTQ+ individuals, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. We are proud to offer up to three \$1500.00 scholarships to help offset the costs of travel & housing for highly qualified medical students who wish to do a visiting surgical ACE at UVA during the months of August through November and whose backgrounds, interests or goals will bring diverse experiences and perspectives to UVA's Orthopaedic Surgery Department.

About the Scholarship

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 ACE experience will hopefully encourage students to consider a career in Orthopaedic 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 and interview with the Program Directors and our Chair.

About the Rotation

Students will rotate for four weeks. Two weeks on a primarily inpatient service (Trauma, Adult Reconstruction or Spine) and two weeks on a primarily outpatient service (Foot & Ankle, Hand or Sports Medicine.) Pediatrics can be inpatient or outpatient.

Students rotating on Orthopaedic Surgery will receive an email from a resident liaison prior to the start of the rotation with details about the rotation including the assigned subspecialty service and the housestaff on that service. Students should contact the listed housestaff to obtain more information about where and when to meet as well as the student's expectations. Rotations start on Monday morning, and if not instructed otherwise, students should report to the 1st Floor of the University Hospital Moss Auditorium at 6:15AM for Fracture Conference.

Students will be expected to participate in clinics, surgeries, didactics, rounds, and call responsibilities during their rotation. During a 4-week fourth year rotation, students are expected to take overnight call with the residents one Friday/Sunday combination and one Saturday, and then two other nights during the month.

Eligibility

The scholarship 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, LatinX, Native American, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Alaskan Native, female, LGBTQ+). Competitive applicants will have

demonstrated academic excellence, strong leadership and a variety of extracurricular experience. Students should be strongly motivated to pursue a career in Orthopaedic Surgery.

Application Requirements

All application materials should be submitted via VSLO, which will open to visiting medical students after March 15, 2023 for rotations starting after July 1, 2023. Applicants wishing to apply for this scholarship should follow up after applying with an email to the Program Coordinator listed below with a letter expressing why you merit this scholarship.

- Must attend an LCME accredited medical school
- Be on track to complete all required clerkships at home institution
- Completed VSLO application (should include letters of recommendation and medical school transcript)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal statement on why you want to participate in this program, how it will help you achieve your overall career goals, and what you will add to our program.

Due Date

Applications are due by June 1st, 2023.

Notifications will be made no later than June 16th, 2023.

Contact Information

Please submit your application materials and forward any questions to David Craig, Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Coordinator. Email: dec2a@virginia.edu Phone: (434) 243-0265