

*Office of Diversity • Community Engagement, School of Medicine*

## **Visiting Diversity Clerkship in Orthopaedics Scholarship Program**

As a joint venture between the Office of Diversity & Community Engagement, LSUHSC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, New Orleans Campus, we are pleased to sponsor a fourth year senior medical student who plans a career in one of the respective disciplines, and wishes to experience a rotation in our academic medical center. Students must self-identify as an under-represented minority (URM) and display genuine interest in exploring issues of social determinants of health, population medicine, access to care, and social justice.

The LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans historically serves a large, metropolitan community, with many under-resourced neighborhoods, challenged by the social determinants of health, and are affected by health disparities. Our historic mission of our training institution – to care for every member of our community, regardless of station or situation. Academic partnership with LSU Health Sciences Center and other local health professions schools seeks to provide an educational framework as well as opportunities to impact teaching on issues of cultural competency and diversity to the next generation of learners and practitioners.

Students selected for the program will receive:

- Reimbursed up to \$1500 in housing and travel assistance to New Orleans. Depending on total number of scholarships awarded - to be determined upon award decision.
- Housing in Residence Hall in Downtown New Orleans, close to med school and hospital facilities (if available).
- A resident or faculty mentor who will meet with the student during their rotation. Mentor will provide career/professional guidance and a personal connection to the community.
- Meeting with Department Chairman, Program Director /Associate Program Director and with the Department's Diversity and Inclusion Officer.
- Participation in all educational sessions with residents and faculty.

Students will participate in advanced clinical electives along with our LSU students completing traditional 4-week rotations for senior students planning to match in orthopaedics. Students will also be required to give a 15-20-minute presentation on a topic of choice non-orthopaedic.

### **Requirements:**

1. Students must be entering their **final** year of medical school at an accredited, U.S. institution, and must have completed all of their required core rotations (Medicine, Pediatrics, OB, Surgery, Psychiatry) prior to beginning the clerkship.
2. Student must include with this application a brief (no more than 500 words) essay describing their interest in Orthopaedics, LSU, New Orleans and answer brief questions related to their interest in orthopaedics (see below).
3. Current CV
4. Application form (below)
5. Submission of formal LSU Orthopedic Surgery visiting clerkship application on VSLO, with all institutional requirements (immunization forms, malpractice, etc.) met.

**Applications must be received by May 15th. The number of students selected for visiting rotations in Orthopaedic Surgery is limited to 3 per year depending on funding. Students considered as finalists for the visiting clerkship may receive additional opportunity for residency program interview consideration, but this is not guaranteed.**

Available Dates for Possible Rotations

Block 1: 7/3 – 7/28

Block 2: 7/31 – 8/25

Block 3: 8/28 – 9/22

Block 4: 9/25 – 10/20

Block 5: 10/23 – 11/17

Block 6: 11/20 – 12/15

\*adjustments will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Please submitted completed application via email to:**

**Linda Flot**, Residency Coordinator Department of Orthopaedic Surgery,  
[Lflot@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:Lflot@lsuhsc.edu)

**Program questions may also be forwarded to:**

**Robert Maupin Jr., MD, FACOG**, Assoc. Dean, Diversity & Community Engagement LSUHSC School of Medicine, [Rmaupi@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:Rmaupi@lsuhsc.edu), Office Phone: 504-568-8501

**Visiting Orthopaedics Clerkship Scholarship Application**

NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

ENTRANCE DATE:

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:

GENDER:     Male  Female  Transgender  Nonbinary  Prefer not to answer

RACE/ETHNICITY\*:  African-American     Hispanic     Native American

Caucasian     Pacific Islander     Alaskan Native     Other:

\*check all that apply

USMLE Step 1 Taken:

Yes  No

USMLE Step 2 Taken:

Yes  No

**1. How did you become interested in Orthopaedics? What is your specific interest in LSU and New Orleans?**

**2. What strengths do you possess that you feel will make you a strong orthopaedic resident and surgeon? What do you wish to work on/develop more fully?**

**3. How do you think the social determinants of health impact orthopaedic patients?**