

Office of Diversity • Community Engagement, School of Medicine

Visiting Diversity Clerkship in Surgery Scholarship Program

As a joint venture between the Office of Diversity & Community Engagement, LSUHSC Department of General 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 \$1000 in housing and travel assistance to New Orleans. Depending on total number of scholarships awarded - to be determined upon award decision.
- ✓ Housing in student residential facility in Downtown New Orleans, adjacent 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, Residency Director /Associate Program Director and with the Department's Diversion 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 a surgical subspecialty. Students will also be required to give a 15-20-minute surgical case or topic presentation, to be determined by end of the second week.

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 Surgery, LSU, New Orleans and answer brief questions related to their interest in Surgery (see below).
3. Current CV
4. Application form (below)
5. Submission of formal LSU General 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 General Surgery is limited to 2-3 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 2: 8/1 – 8/26

Block 3: 8/29 – 9/23

Block 4: 9/26 – 10/21

Block 5: 10/24 – 11/18

Block 6: 11/21 – 12/16

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

Please submitted completed application via email to:

Angie LeBoeuf, Residency Coordinator Department of General Surgery,
Alebo3@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 , Office Phone: 504-568-8501



Visiting General Surgery 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*:

Caucasian

*check all that apply

USMLE Step 1 Taken:

Yes No

USMLE Step 2 Taken:

Yes No

Please indicate preference of rotation in order (1=most 4=least desirable)

_____ **Trauma Surgery**

_____ **Colorectal Surgery**

_____ **General Surgery**

_____ **Bariatric/Minimally-invasive**

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

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

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