

UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery Visiting Student Scholarship

The UCLA Department of Orthopaedic Surgery seeks to foster a culture in which issues of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion underscore our missions in delivering patient care, in training the next generation of leaders in Orthopaedic Surgery, and in expanding our academic reach through the pursuit of leading-edge research. The UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery Visiting Student Scholarship provides financial support for two senior-level U.S. medical students on the UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery Sub-internship Clerkship Rotation OS450.01. These students must demonstrate an interest in fostering equity, diversity, and inclusion in healthcare professions, in advancing efforts to reduce healthcare inequities, and in the pursuit of social justice.

Scholarship Goals and Information:

- To provide senior-level medical students with opportunities for exposure to the UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Training Programs.
- To guide, support, and mentor senior-level medical students who plan to pursue a career in Orthopaedic Surgery.
- To provide scholarship funding to enable students committed to promoting Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in healthcare in order to travel to UCLA for this experience.
- Participation in this program does NOT guarantee an interview for our residency program.

Award:

- Two awards are available for up to \$2,000 reimbursement for purposes of defraying costs related to travel and lodging in order to participate in the UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery Sub-Internship Clerkship Rotation.
- Scholarship funds will be awarded after the first day of the rotation as well as upon submission of appropriate expense-related receipts.

Our Sub-Internship Clerkship Rotation:

- The UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery Away Sub-internship OS450.01 Clerkship is a three-week elective located at two of our training sites (Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center).
- Students participating in our Sub-Internship Clerkship will gain exposure to in-patient and ambulatory clinical care practice in Orthopaedic Surgery in an academic setting.
- Our clerkship provides candidates with an excellent clinical experience at a world-renowned academic medical center with a busy Orthopaedic Surgery training program.
- For more information about [our residency training program](#) >

Eligibility:

- All students with a commitment to efforts fostering activities related to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in healthcare professions are eligible and encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must be senior-level medical students with plans to pursue residency training in Orthopaedic Surgery.
- Applicants must be in good standing at an accredited U.S. Medical School, must meet standard VSLO application requirements for the UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery OS450.01 Elective, and must be available to rotate at UCLA in August – November, 2026.

Competitive applicants will have demonstrated:

- Academic achievement (indicated by transcripts and letter of recommendation included in VSLO application).
- Commitment to pursuing a career in Orthopaedic Surgery.
- An interest and commitment to fostering activities related to healthcare diversity, health inequities, or serving underserved populations.
- Additional consideration may be applied to applicants who:
 - Themselves or a member of their family have been adversely affected by health inequalities related to local or systemic failures of the health care system.
 - Live in a community or area that is adversely affected by health inequalities.
 - These include urban or rural areas whose residents have low health status or who are underserved by the health care system.
 - Have experience working in organizations or on projects that address health inequalities (local health departments, community health centers, inner city/rural hospitals, or entities that conduct research on or develop policy related to health disparities).

Application Cycle:

- Application cycle opens April 1, 2026.
- Application deadline May 31, 2026.

Application Process:

- Complete the AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunity (VSLO®) program application for the UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery OS450.01 Sub-Intern Clerkship Rotation. See the [visiting student requirements for the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA >](#)
- Complete the UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery [Visiting Elective Scholarship Award Application >](#)

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the Visiting Student Scholarship application, please contact Marie Dyer at MDyer@mednet.ucla.edu