

Oregon Health & Science University Diversity Visiting Student Surgery Scholarship

Program Overview:

The Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) “Diversity Visiting Student Surgery Scholarship” is a funded program designed to support the Department of Surgery’s goal of striving for health equity for all by becoming a more diverse, inclusive and equitable department. This program selects one highly qualified student from a historically under-represented (URM) background to participate in a 4th year sub-internship at OHSU and be supported with a \$3,000 stipend, usable towards the VSLO application fee, transportation, housing, and incidental expenses.

OHSU is one of the premiere academic surgical training programs in the Pacific Northwest and boasts the largest surgical residency program in the country. There is not only a wide breadth of patient demographics but also a wide breadth of diversity in training opportunities across the state. The student will spend four weeks at the main University Hospital caring for surgical patients while working alongside renowned surgeons in many of the surgical specialties that OHSU has to offer including general surgery, colorectal surgery, surgical oncology, hepatobiliary, foregut and bariatric surgery. Students will become an integral part of the surgical team and be tasked with performing many of the duties expected of surgical interns. Along with their clinical duties, students will attend weekly conferences as well as participate in teaching activities that take place while on service. In addition, the student will be paired with both a faculty and resident mentor during their rotation.

Eligibility:

The selected student will have demonstrated academic excellence, as well as participated in activities that reflect their desire to increase diversity in the field of medicine. The student should come from a group that has been historically under-represented in medicine including: Latino/Hispanic (Mexican American, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Central American, South American), Black (African or African American), Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, as well as students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and those that have grown up in a rural environment as defined on the OHSU School of Medicine MD program [website](#). Student must meet the OHSU School of Medicine MD program [visiting student requirements](#) listed on the program website.

Application Requirements:

- Successful completion of 3rd year core clerkships and be in good standing currently
- Current CV
- 1-page personal statement describing interest in surgery, future career goals, and commitment to diversity
- A letter of recommendation written by a faculty mentor
- Completed VSLO application: Be sure to indicate that you would like to be enrolled in the “Surg 709X Surg DVSSS ” elective rotation

Timing of Application and Rotation Blocks

Application for AY2223 will open in April

AY2223 available rotation blocks: Summer 3 (8/22-9/16/2022) and Fall 1 (9/26-10/21/2022)

Website:

<https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-medicine/surgery/diversity-visiting-student-surgery-scholarship>

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