



DIVERSITY VISITING CLERKSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We at the Baton Rouge Campus are pleased to sponsor a fourth-year senior medical student to experience a rotation in our academic medical center. Students must self-identify as an under-represented minority (URiM) 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, Baton Rouge historically serves a large, metropolitan community, with many under-resourced neighborhoods that are challenged by the social determinants of health and affected by health disparities.

At LSUHSC, we are taking steps to transform the institution into a culture where racial bias and inequity has no place. Diversity among leadership, faculty, staff and learners enriches the educational experience for all learners and enables us to better address healthcare inequities and cultural competency in clinical care. The diverse community and patient population that LSUHSC serves fosters trainees' understanding and effective delivery of care to individuals of diverse backgrounds, which is integral to the institution's academic mission. As an inclusive community, LSUHSC embraces the full range of human difference: race, gender, ethnicity, age, culture, national origins, religious belief, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic class, and political convictions.

In partnership with our sponsoring hospitals Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and Woman's Hospital, both medical students and residents high clinical volume within the educational environment of an Academic Medical Center while addressing issues of cultural competency and diversity.

Students selected for the program will receive:

- Up to \$1,500 in travel assistance to Baton Rouge
- Housing in student residential facility near the Medical Corridor
- A resident and faculty mentor who will meet with the student during their rotation, to provide career and professional guidance as well as a personal connection to the community



Selected students will participate in advanced clinical electives along with our LSUHSC students completing traditional 4-week rotations for senior students planning to match in the specialty of interest.

Requirements:

1. Students must be a rising third year medical student 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 LSUHSC Baton Rouge and the selected clinical specialty discipline, and answer brief questions related to their interest in their selected specialty area (see below).
3. Current CV and Application form (below)
4. Submission of formal LSUHSC Baton Rouge Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, or Psychiatry visiting clerkship application on VSAS, with all institutional requirements (immunization forms, malpractice, etc) met.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with the last submission date being May 31, 2024 to accommodate fourth year scheduling. The number of students selected for visiting rotations in a clinical specialty will be strictly determined by each department. Students considered as finalists for the visiting clerkship may receive additional opportunity for residency program interview consideration, but this is not guaranteed. Please submitted completed application via email to:

Emergency Medicine: Carrie Hebert chebe5@lsuhsc.edu 225-757-4140

Internal Medicine: Kaci Spradley ksprad@lsuhsc.edu 225-757-4070

Obstetrics and Gynecology: Amanda Blackburn amcran@lsuhsc.edu 225 - 215-7442

Pediatrics: Rhonda Holmes Rhonda.Holmes@fmlhs.org, 225- 374-1317

Psychiatry: Lakeysha Deloch ldeloc@lsuhsc.edu 225-757-4212



Program questions may also be forwarded to: Miranda Mitchell, MD, FACP, Director of the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement—Baton Rouge Branch Campus mmitch@lsuhsc.edu.

Diversity Visiting Clerkship Program Application

NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

ENTRANCE DATE:

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:

GENDER: Male Female Transgender Male / Female

RACE/ETHNICITY*: African-American Latinx Native American

Caucasian Pacific Islander Alaska Native Other:

*check all that apply

USMLE Step 1 Score:

USMLE Step 2 CK Score (if applicable):

I am applying which of the following:

Emergency Medicine



How did you become interested in your selected specialty?

What is your specific interest in LSU Health Sciences Center and training in the city of Baton Rouge?

What strengths do you possess that you feel will make you a strong resident in your chosen clinical specialty and as a future physician leader?

What do you wish to work on/develop more fully?

How do you think the social determinants of health impact patients in the specialty area that you are choosing to pursue?