

***Visiting Clerkship in Neurosurgery***

***Scholarship Program***

As a joint venture between the Division of Diversity and Division of Community Health Relations and Engagement in the LSU Department of Neurosurgery, we are pleased to sponsor a fourth year senior medical student who plans a career in Neurosurgery and wishes to experience a rotation in our department. Students must self-identify as an under-represented minority (URM) and display genuine interest in exploring opportunities in the Department of Neurosurgery.

LSU Neurosurgery has historically served a large, inner-city, underrepresented population with multiple social, economic, and medical challenges. Our departmental goals align with the 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 provides 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:

* $500 in travel assistance to New Orleans
* Housing in student residential facility in Downtown New Orleans, adjacent to LSU medical school and hospital facilities
* 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

Students will participate in the “NSURG 418” elective, our traditional 4-week rotation for senior students planning to match in Neurosurgery. This experience includes clinical rotations at our four hospitals, didactic lectures, and journal clubs.

*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 Neurosurgery clerkship.
2. Student must include with this application a brief (no more than 500 words) essay describing their interest in LSU - Neurosurgery in general and answer brief questions related to their interest in Neurosurgery (see below).
3. Current CV
4. Application form (below)
5. Submission of formal LSU Neurosurgery visiting clerkship application on VSAS, with all institutional requirements (immunization forms, malpractice, etc) met.

Please submitted completed application via email to:

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**VISITING NSURG 418 CLERKSHIP**

**PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**NAME:**

**STREET ADDRESS:**

**CITY: STATE: ZIP:**

**MEDICAL SCHOOL:**

**ENTRANCE DATE: EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:**

**GENDER:** [ ]  **Male** [ ]  **Female**

**RACE/ETHNICITY\*:** [ ]  **African-American** [ ]  **Hispanic** [ ]  **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 to Neurosurgery residency programs:*** [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

1. **How did you become interested in Neurosurgery? What is your specific interest in LSU NSURG and New Orleans?**
2. **What do you feel is the role of the NSURG physician in the community?**
3. **What strengths do you possess that you feel will make you a strong NSURG resident and physician? What do you wish to work on/develop more fully?**