



# Washington University in St. Louis

## 2020 DIVERSITY SUB-INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### OVERVIEW

The Department of Surgery at Washington University in St. Louis welcomes applications to our Diversity Sub-internship Program intended to support minority student experiences in academic surgery. The Program will provide accepted sub-intern students with a four-week rotation at Washington University between July and October in specialties or subspecialties of General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, and Urologic Surgery.

This program aligns with Washington University's academic goal of fostering a diverse academic community to prepare tomorrow's leaders locally and globally. This program represents a continuum of the academic pipeline efforts to support and prepare students from a variety of backgrounds (see <https://diversity.wustl.edu/initiatives/academic-pipeline-programs/>)

Program support for participants includes a \$2000.00 stipend to help offset the cost of travel, housing, fees, and incidental expenses.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Diversity Sub-Internship Program is designed to give students with a diverse background the experience of rotating as a surgical sub-intern at Washington University in St. Louis Department of Surgery. The sub-intern will function in the role of a surgical intern and will be required to attend all conferences including core curriculum, morbidity and mortality conference, rotation-based clinical case conferences and simulation lab experiences with the house staff.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY

The Program is open to minority applicants who belong to groups that have been traditionally disadvantaged, underrepresented, or inadequately supported in medical training. We seek applications from racial minorities from historically underrepresented in the health profession including African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Hispanic American and Pacific Islander. We also seek applications from sexual and gender minorities such as those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/gender nonconforming, queer/questioning, or intersex. Finally we seek applications from students whose pathway to medical training includes substantial personal or financial adversity. The criteria under which the application is submitted need not be explicitly stated nor do these represent mutually exclusive categories. The sub-internship is four weeks in duration and will only be offered between July and October.

Students should apply to VSAS prior to, or at the time of, their application to this program. Therefore, students must be enrolled in their final year of medical school in good academic standing at an LCME-accredited medical school, and have completed all required core clerkships. Students will be accepted into clinical rotations only if space is available during the preferred time period. In addition, all students must meet requirements set forth by the Washington University School of Medicine for all visiting students.

More details can be found here: <http://md.wustl.edu/academics/visiting-students>

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit a brief statement of interest (500-word limit) describing your interest in academic surgery (an interest in a particular surgical specialty should be noted in your statement). In addition, applicants must provide one letter of recommendation, curriculum vitae, USMLE scores, a photo, and a recent unofficial medical school transcript. All application materials must be received by May 15, 2020, and should be sent via email to [asksurgery@wustl.edu](mailto:asksurgery@wustl.edu). Decisions will be made by May 31, 2020.

