

Saint Joseph Hospital General Surgery Residency Program Medical Student Rotations

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Medical Students

We collaborate with local medical schools to participate in the education of third-year medical students. In addition, fourth-year medical students from all over the United States that are interested in general surgery can apply to our residency program for a fourth-year sub-internship via VSLO.

Clerkships (MS3)

Third year clerkships are available for the University of Colorado School of Medicine (CUSOM) and Rocky Vista University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RVU-SOM) students and can be arranged through their host institution.

Students are assigned to one of the general surgery services during their clerkship, along with general surgery residents and attendings. Duties include consulting on new patients, writing notes, pre-operative evaluations of patient problems, scrubbing into cases in the operating room, and post-operative clinical management. Students also attend clinic on a rotational basis with their team. Student work is evaluated by attending surgeons, along with senior residents, though the majority of the student's time is spent immersed as a member of the resident team.

Sub-internships (MS4)

We offer sub-internships to fourth year medical students nationwide who are enrolled in LCME or AOA accredited institutions. You will be placed on either an Acute Care Surgery service or Elective General or Specialty Surgery service at our main campus at St. Joe's Hospital, along with a team of residents and attendings. Applicants are required to meet the same criteria for our ERAS application for residency.

Applications can be submitted through **VSLO**, please utilize the **SURG-8000** elective. Applications submitted via email or other formats will not be eligible for consideration.

Please visit this website to apply:

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/visiting-student-learning-opportunities/visiting-student-learning-opportunities-vslo>

We also strive to improve access to surgical education to underrepresented in medicine (URiM) students, therefore are offering several scholarships listed under the Visiting Students Underrepresented in Medicine Surgery Scholarship: VSURiM SURG 800 elective. If applying for this scholarship, please do not submit a duplicate application for the SURG 8000 elective. Please see the URiM section below for more information.

Goals and Objectives:

- Become an intern! This includes floor work, seeing consults, changing dressings, pulling drains, helping answer pages, and whatever else makes you indispensable to your team's success.
- We also want you to go to the operating room and gain technical knowledge and experience, however, this will help you learn how to juggle floor and OR responsibilities and time management skills.
- Leadership development and mentoring roles are important throughout your training. Consider the more junior medical students below you and help guide them through their rotation. You were just in their shoes. You will spend the next 5 years in a progressive teaching model (aka residency), so we encourage intentional acquisition of those skills at this stage of your training.

Housing and Parking

- Housing should be arranged prior to arrival by the student if you are traveling from outside the area.
- There is an option located adjacent to the hospital, the Saint Christopher Inn, phone: 720-917-9900
- Additional options vary based on availability and can be found through online home rental services.
- All lodging expenses are the responsibility of the student except those who receive the Visiting Students Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) Scholarship.
- Parking is garage-based and free for all visiting students.

Visiting Students Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM)

We encourage 4th year students who are interested in doing a sub-internship at our institution and also come from a background underrepresented in medicine to apply for our Visiting Students (URiM) Scholarship.

Eligible candidates from backgrounds that are underrepresented in medicine as defined by the AAMC criteria (<https://www.aamc.org/what-we-do/equity-diversity-inclusion/underrepresented-in-medicine>) are strongly encouraged to apply. St. Joe's General Surgery Residency has a long history of dedication to the medically underserved and strives to expand opportunities for underrepresented populations pursuing a career in surgery as well. Selected candidates will receive a stipend to cover a portion of their travel and housing expenses while here on their 4th year sub-internship. Candidates must commit to a 4-week sub-internship between May and January in order to receive the stipend. This scholarship will be offered to up to two (2) candidates in an academic year.

This opportunity is listed as a separate VSLO elective: **VSURIM – SURG 8000**. Please do not submit a duplicate application for the Surg 8000 elective. There is an additional requirement of a short essay (<200 words) indicating why you are applying for the scholarship. This may be uploaded along with your personal statement on the VSLO website.

The candidates selected to receive this scholarship will be notified by May of the application year.

Please email Sarah Flores at sarah.flores@imail.org with further questions.