

## **2018-2019 Spine Research Assistants at Rush University Medical Center – Dr. Kern Singh**

Dr. Singh is searching for motivated pre-medical students to work in the capacity of a research assistant. Our team will be composed of 2 clinical research coordinators/fellows (4th year medical students going into orthopaedics) as well as the spine fellows/residents and medical students. We are looking for hardworking, self-motivated, and honest people for this position.

**Position Title:** Clinical Research Assistant

**Positions:** 2

**Duration:** 1 year

**Where:** Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush University Medical Center, Spine Service, Chicago, IL

**When:** Beginning Approx. May - June 2018

**Salary:** Funding is only available to medical students; as such, we are looking for students who are local and will not be under financial strain.

Under the direction of **Dr. Kern Singh**

Attending Spine Surgeon

Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Rush University Medical Center

### **The primary responsibilities of this position include:**

- 1) Clinic: Consent patients for prospective studies; follow up on survey results; obtain data from patients in person and over the phone.
- 2) Update the surgical registry prospectively.
- 3) Assist the research fellows in preparing manuscripts/abstracts/presentations/posters.
- 4) Update the team on the status of prospective studies at weekly meetings.
- 5) Collaborate with research team along with Surgeons, Physician Assistants, and Medical Assistants to ensure efficient workflow and collection of important data.

### **The benefits of the position are the following:**

- 1) Named as co-author on peer-reviewed publications (between 6-15 articles in major orthopedics/spine journals) - **we do not leave you out as author if you have worked on the project.**
- 2) Guaranteed: >20 accepted abstracts/posters/presentations for your resume/CV.
- 3) Networking with medical students/clinical research fellows and orthopaedic residents/fellows/attendings.
- 4) Attend national orthopaedics/spine conferences.
- 5) Shadow Dr. Singh and observe spinal surgeries.
- 6) Interact with patients in clinic to prepare for medical school.
- 7) Flexibility with medical school interview season.
- 8) Work with a team of current research fellows (medical students) as well as past research fellows and make connections for future placement (residency/fellowship, etc).
- 9) Learn how to effectively conduct clinical research.
- 10) Learn how to prepare manuscripts/tables/figures for publication.
- 11) Your application will likely look very different after this position. Previous research assistants have all successfully matriculated into medical school.

Interested candidates should send a brief Cover Letter, CV/resume, and expected starting date to:

**[spine.rush.research@gmail.com](mailto:spine.rush.research@gmail.com)**

**Deadline:** 11:59 P.M. March 31st, 2018

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The sooner your application is submitted, the more likely you are to attain the position.