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**  
**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.