

Applying for Residency in Orthopaedic Surgery



**2018 UC Davis Ortho
Residency Interview Dates**
Monday, January 8th, 2018
Tuesday, January 16th, 2018

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Helpful Tips

- As Orthopaedic Surgery is a highly competitive specialty, research is becoming a more important part of the residency application. The Orthopaedic Surgery Summer Scholar program (between 1st and 2nd year) is a great opportunity to choose a mentor and join an ongoing research project. As a 4th year, OSU 499 is also available for 3-6 credits to extend a student's experience in orthopaedic research.
- Study hard and do well on USMLE Step 1!
- SUR 430 is available to 3rd year students as a surgical rotation in Ortho. You will have the opportunity to work on two subspecialty services. Choose services that you are interested and meet as many faculty and residents as possible.
- Acting Internship (OSU 464) – Scheduling your UC Davis AI earlier in the summer is recommended, as this will give you more flexibility when scheduling your away rotations. Rotations scheduled after October will not benefit your application. Submit your away rotation applications to programs that interest you in VSAS early (April)! Rotate at programs you would want to match in. Consider your UC Davis and away rotations a 4-week interview.
- Medical Students are always welcome to attend Ortho Grand Rounds (Tuesdays from 7-8 in Shriners Auditorium) and Resident Core Curriculum lectures on Tuesdays (8-9 in Shriners Auditorium) and Fridays (7-8 in D1704). Please contact Maggie Allen to be added to the monthly flyer distribution list.
- Scheduling an exit interview with the residency program director for away rotations is highly recommended. Students are contacted to set up an appointment with Dr. Cassandra Lee either the 3rd or 4th week of OSU 464.
- It is recommended that you request letters of recommendation early! Choose faculty who know you well and can write a letter that highlights your accomplishments and observations of you as a medical student. Consider obtaining a letter of recommendation from a faculty at one of your away rotations if you feel you have performed well. This type of letter demonstrates that you can work well with people you have only known for a short period of time and will complement the rest of your application.
- UC Davis has two residency track programs, one 5-year program (4 spots available each year) and one 6-year research track program (1 spot available each year). Make sure you apply to both if you want to be considered.
- The application screening process begins in early October for most Ortho programs. Make sure you meet with your Ortho mentor to review your application, personal statement, USMLE Scores, etc., prior to submitting your application.

Tips for UC Davis and Away Rotations

Be enthusiastic! | Be on time. | Be prepared (especially for rounds) and know your anatomy! | Be interested. | When in doubt, ask questions. | Be dedicated to the rotation. | Be a team player. | Don't complain. | Ask questions or have a conversation rather than argue or disagree.

Resource: [How to Obtain Orthopaedic Residency - AAOS](#)