

## University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology

### Visiting Student Learning Opportunity (VSLO) 2025 Increasing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in medicine

**Purpose:** The University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology is dedicated to cultivating an inclusive environment and training a diverse physician workforce well prepared to promote health equity and serve our diverse patients in Baltimore and beyond.

We aim to engage students from diverse backgrounds who show passion in the field and a commitment to underserved communities. With a combination of clinical exposure, structured mentorship, and opportunities for community engagement, we'll give you a valuable glimpse into your future as a resident in our program.

**We encourage applications from medical students who:**

- Are enrolled and in good standing at an LCME accredited allopathic medical school or osteopathic school of medicine accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation
- Are completing their final year in medical school
- Have passed USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX Level 1
- Have completed surgery core clerkship experiences
- Come from or have experience serving underrepresented and disadvantaged populations

**Program Details:** This Visiting Student Learning Program provides a scholarship up to \$1000 to defray the costs of elective fees, lodging and transportation. Funds are awarded upon completion of the elective and receipts are submitted for reimbursement. The elective program consists of:

- Providing students with an excellent clinical experience in the Department of Otolaryngology
- Pairing students with a faculty and resident/fellow who will serve as an advisor and mentor

\*Applicants should consult with a tax advisor to determine whether the amount received is taxable income. If the amount received is determined to be taxable income, the applicant is responsible for reporting the income to the IRS.

**Application Requirements:**

- Apply to an Otolaryngology Elective/Sub-Internship offered by the University of Maryland School of Medicine through the Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) website
- A completed Visiting Elective Student Scholarship Application Form
- A letter of intent highlighting the applicant's interest in Otolaryngology and how you plan to promote health equity in your future career (should not exceed 1 page typed)
- An Updated Curriculum Vita
- An official medical school transcript
- Email materials to [mlantaya@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:mlantaya@som.umaryland.edu)

**Application Timeline and Selection Process:**

- Applications must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

- Applicants will be notified of selection by June 1st, 2025
- Please contact Mellisa Lantaya at [mlantaya@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:mlantaya@som.umaryland.edu) with any questions.

## Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine Application

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Pronouns: He/Him She/Her They/Them Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I am accepted, I must fulfill all VSLO and UMSOM application requirements before I can be enrolled

I understand that if I am not accepted for this scholarship, I am still welcome to apply for any of the UMSOM Otolaryngology courses offered on the VSLO platform.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_