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Dear Colleagues:

The University of Iowa Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Jackson-Steindler Orthopedic Clerkship. Beginning in Spring 2017, one or two outstanding medical students who have successfully completed the third year of medical school at a LCME-accredited institution and who have an interest in orthopedics will be selected for this award. The award will include support for housing and travel.

The University of Iowa Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation is one of the premiere academic orthopedic departments in the United States and attracts individuals from throughout the United States and multiple foreign countries who come to Iowa City to advance their education.

The Jackson-Steindler Orthopedic Clerkship continues the University of Iowa Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation's long commitment to excellence, service and diversity. The department was founded by Arthur Steindler who immigrated to the United States because of limited opportunities he faced in Austria. After establishing the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation in Iowa City in 1913 he sought to provide educational and career opportunities for individuals who shared his commitment to excellence, service and diversity. Ruth Jackson is one of those individuals. Ruth Jackson, after graduating from medical school, sought education in surgery, but few if any programs would accept her. When she contacted Arthur Steindler, he enthusiastically offered her a position in Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Iowa. Ruth Jackson is now recognized as the first woman orthopedic surgeon in the United States and the Ruth Jackson Society, an organization devoted to advancing women in orthopedics, is named for her.

The Jackson-Steindler Clerkship Awardees will participate in the clinical services at the University of Iowa Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, the educational programs including conferences and surgical skills education as well as have the opportunity to participate in research conferences. At the beginning of the Ruth Jackson-Steindler clerkship the awardees will each give a 10-15 minute talk on diversity during one of the department's educational conferences. Successful applicants will have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and an interest in advancing diversity within the specialty of orthopedics. The clerkship is not affiliated with the Orthopedics and Rehabilitation residency match program.

All applications materials should be received by April 1, 2017. Awardees will be notified no later than April 29, 2017. Please see the web site at <https://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/orthopedics/education/ruth-jackson-steindler-orthopedic-clerkship> for complete application instructions.

Sincerely,



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