Children’s Orthopaedic Center (COC) at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is ranked #6 in the nation for pediatric orthopaedic care in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report. Specialists at the COC perform everything from spinal fusion procedures for complex spinal deformities to mending simple fractures. The center provides a multispecialty team of orthopaedic surgeons, orthopaedic nurses, physician assistants, oncologists, rehabilitation experts, prosthetists, physical therapists, biomedical engineers and research team.

The COC is looking for a medical student who would like to take a year off to conduct mentored clinical research (Mentor: Dr. David Skaggs, Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery and other COC faculty) and gain exposure to the practice of pediatric orthopaedics. The fellow will contribute to projects across the department which includes specialists in scoliosis/spinal deformity, hip disorders, neuromuscular disorders, trauma, sports medicine, and hand & microsurgery.

This is a full time, 1 year research fellowship. Past research fellows have gone on to publish multiple papers during their year of research, with average involvement at around 10+ papers/projects.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
- Participate in the scientific process of research study design, background literature search, data analysis, and manuscript writing
- Work with outside institutions on multi-center studies
- Collect and manage patient data in secured database

Other educational opportunities include:
- Observe in the operating room and clinic
- Attend staff conferences, lectures, and national orthopaedic meetings
- Work with orthopaedic residents from several programs in the Los Angeles area
- Opportunity to present at national/international meetings (travel stipend provided)

Dates: June 2018 – June 2019 (flexible start and end dates)
Location: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, 4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027
Hours: This is a full time position (40 hours per week).

Requirements:
- Current medical student at a United States (US) medical school
- Must provide funding and/or receive credit through your US medical school

Application: Please submit the following materials (in PDF format) to Regina Woon at rwoon@chla.usc.edu
- Resume or CV with USMLE Step scores
- 1 page cover letter detailing your interest and experience in medicine and research
- Writing sample
- Provide 1 professional reference with contact information (professor, mentor, etc.)

Deadline: Applicants are encouraged to send all materials by Friday, May 25, 2018 but we recommend applying as soon as possible.

Questions: Please direct any questions to Regina Woon at rwoon@chla.usc.edu