The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Department of Pediatrics

Funded Visiting Clerkship for Underrepresented Minority Medical Students

Six funded visiting clerkship positions in general pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties will be available at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) in Philadelphia, PA from August through November of 2014 for qualified applicants from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine.

- Funding includes up to $1,500 for reimbursement of travel and housing
- Each student will be paired with a faculty member that will serve as a mentor and advisor
- Each student will be given the opportunity to have a personal meeting with the Pediatric Residency Program Director

Program Description

The visiting clerkship program is designed to give students a chance to experience the exceptional training that CHOP has to offer. In addition, it provides the residents and attending faculty a chance to form a close working relationship with each student. Qualified applicants will be invited to interview for residency in pediatrics at CHOP during their rotation in Philadelphia.

Visiting students will spend four weeks on one of the following: Subspecialty Elective rotation (i.e. hematology, oncology, infectious disease, nephrology, dermatology, etc.), Inpatient floor (all include general pediatrics and a subspecialty), Emergency Department, or the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) NICU. As CHOP is a tertiary care center, students will have exposure to a variety of patients ranging from bread-and-butter pediatrics to medically complex patients. Students are also invited to attend morning report and noon conference daily, as well as weekly grand rounds.

Application Requirements

- Applicants for the funded sub-internship position must come from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. As defined by the AAMC, this includes African Americans, Mexican Americans, mainland Puerto Ricans, and Native Americans (that is American Indians, Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives).
  - Applicants must:
    - Complete the application form
    - Provide a personal statement discussing career goals
    - Provide one letter of recommendation, preferably from a pediatric attending
    - Provide a curriculum vitae
    - Provide an official medical school transcript
    - Provide a photograph

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As a visiting medical student, all applicants must also complete the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine's visiting student clinical elective application. Please refer to http://www.med.upenn.edu/visitingstudents/.

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Multicultural Physician Alliance (MPA). The application deadline will be May 5, 2014 and acceptance will be sent by early June. Applicants not selected for the funded MPA sub-internship will, if interested, be entered into the general pool of applicants for unfunded visiting clerkships at CHOP.

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