Emory University Department of Emergency Medicine’s Unpaid Summer Clinical Research Training Internship

Deadline: April 5th, 2013

General Overview:
The Department of Emergency Medicine (EM Department) provides clinical research training opportunities/internships for local and regional medical, public health, and post-undergraduate students looking to fulfill clinical research rotations and practica, and gain clinical research experience in an emergency department. Undergraduate students are eligible to apply and will be considered; however, the internship is primarily geared towards people who have completed their undergraduate training. There are four available summer internship positions. These positions typically fall under the category of non-credit, pre-professional clinical research experience and training (typically for matriculated students looking to gain clinical research experience in preparation for medical school, medical residencies, or other graduate training).

While unpaid, these structured clinical research training opportunities/internships give research interns valuable hands-on clinical research experience in all stages of the research process, bridging the gap between academic knowledge and applied experience. These experiences build the field of clinical research and medicine by training the next generation of clinical researchers and stimulating interest in clinical research more broadly. Furthermore, the EM Department conducts much of its research at Grady Memorial Hospital, a regionally-recognized, Level One Trauma Center and urban community hospital that serves a unique patient population. As such, research interns gain valuable, unparalleled cultural competence in conducting research with an indigent and primarily minority population.

Time Commitment
The Summer Internship is typically from June – August and interns are expected to work 40 hours per week Monday through Friday in rotating eight hour shifts between the hours of 10am - 10pm. Interns are expected to participate fully in all required training and research activities.

Program Components and Participant Duties:
In order to provide hands-on experience in all aspects of clinical research, research interns assist with multiple research projects throughout the summer typically performing the following duties based on prior experience and level of academic training:

- Screening potential study participants for eligibility,
- Recruiting and/or enrolling participants,
- Administering surveys,
- Preparing study enrollment packets and materials; and
- Entering data.

Research interns have the opportunity to work on a combination of all active departmental studies, as appropriate and necessary. There should be no expectation of manuscript preparation or academic publication. The majority of interns’ time is spent in direct patient contact. During the internship, interns will work together as a group to develop and complete a small culminating
project of their choice; to be approved by Department Staff. If time permits, interns will present their project to department staff and faculty at the monthly Research Committee meeting.

As a complement to the experiential aspect of the training, research interns are provided these additional opportunities. These experiences are complementary and shall not interfere with interns’ primary focus on research:

- Participation in the Department’s monthly journal club - an informal discussion group of residents and faculty where research journal articles about specific medical topics and/or clinical research are reviewed and discussed over dinner at a faculty member’s house,
- Attendance of the weekly Residents’ Conference – didactic sessions on specific medical topics,
- Attendance of Grand Rounds,
- Shadowing of faculty and/or residents during a clinical shift; and
- Discussion of pertinent journal articles related to the active studies that they are working on facilitated by a Research Coordinator.

Eligibility and Requirements:
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or already have permission to work or study in the United States during the internship period.
- Applicants must either be enrolled in a full or part-time program of graduate-level work (i.e. medical school, graduate school, etc.) or have finished undergraduate training and be preparing to enter into graduate training.
- Applicants must be able to successfully fulfill hospital badging requirements (e.g. provide proof of childhood immunization, pass a criminal background check, screen negative for tuberculosis, etc.).
- Applicants should be able to cover their housing and living expenses during the internship period.
- Applicants must be willing to participate in onsite orientation and trainings.

Application Process:
Interested applicants should email the following to Shakiyla Smith at lrsmit3@emory.edu:

1. Completed application form;
2. Updated resume/CV;
3. Name, title, telephone number and email of 3 professional and/or academic references (at least one must be a relevant professional reference); an
4. An essay of 750 words or less describing his/her reason for wanting to participate in the internship (i.e. how the internship will contribute to his/her studies and/or professional goals); any previous research experience, especially in an acute care setting; and experience interacting with vulnerable populations (e.g. indigent/homeless, minority, substance using, etc.).

Applications should be received by April 5th to be considered for the Summer 2013 cycle. In order to be considered, applicants will also be asked to come in for an interview (in some cases a phone or Skype interview will be conducted). Applicants will be notified about final decisions by April 30th.
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Please type and provide all requested information. You must email completed form along with other applications materials. Applications must be received by April 5th, 2013.

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________ State: ____________________

Zip: ____________________

Phone: ____________________ (home)

Phone: ____________________ (cell)

Email: ____________________

Applicant category (mark one):

___ Current graduate/medical student

___ Post-undergraduate student

___ Undergraduate student

Name of Academic Institution (if applicable): ____________________________________________________________

Major/Area of Study: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Academic Department: ____________________________________________________________

Date of Anticipated Graduation: ________________ Degree Expected: ________________

Current GPA: ________________

Faculty Advisor: ____________________________________________________________

University Address (city/state/zip): ____________________________________________________________

Faculty Advisor Phone: ________________ Faculty Advisor Email: ____________________