

## Academic Associate Program Spring Semester, 2024

### Program Structure:

#### Semester 1:

- Attendance at two orientation sessions covering basics of research methodology, informed consent, and an overview of all current studies
- Two 6-hour clinical shifts per week
- Scheduled 1:1 meetings with assigned Clinical Research Coordinator mentor

#### Semester 2 (*if asked to continue*):

- One 6-hour clinical shift per week
- One 6-hour clinical project shift per week
- Attendance at group meetings
- Scheduled 1:1 meetings with assigned Clinical Research Coordinator mentor

### Requirements:

- Currently enrolled as a Junior or Senior in an accredited college/university OR in a Post-Bacc program OR enrolled in graduate level studies
- Maintenance of good academic standing
- Completion of credentialing requirements prior to the start of the program
- Ability to commit to the same two, 6 hour shifts per week throughout the semester

### Research Experience:

Students gain hands-on experience working on research studies at major medical centers.

**Semester 1:** Students develop the clinical research skills needed to screen, interview, and consent families into a wide range of studies.

**Semester 2:** Students continue responsibilities from the first semester while also working on an assigned clinical project with faculty and study coordinators. Duties may include directed readings, data input, and study follow-up activities.

### Mentors:

- Students have the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia clinicians, fellows, nurses and researchers.
- Students will receive a summary evaluation and may also receive letters of reference at the conclusion of their participation in the program.

## Academic Associate Program

The Academic Associate (AA) Program is seeking applicants for the Spring, 2024 semester. This academic program gives students the opportunity to participate in clinical research studies in the Emergency Department (ED) at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). During this program students will be exposed to a wide range of studies including multi-center clinical trials, assessments of diagnostic tests and new translational technology.

Hundreds of students have taken part in this program over the past 20 years and found it an excellent way to experience being part of a clinical team in a high acuity healthcare environment. Many students have become key members of research projects and developed relationships with faculty that have served as a foundation for a career in healthcare.

The program is structured as a one-semester experience with the possibility of extending to a second semester.

**Semester 1:** Students will learn about clinical research studies in the ED and develop the skills to screen potential participants, interview families, and obtain informed consent where appropriate. Students will work closely with the ED staff including physicians, nurses, and support staff.

Requirements for participation include:

- Currently enrolled as a Junior or Senior in an accredited college/university OR in a Post-Bacc program OR enrolled in graduate level studies
- Maintenance of good academic standing
- Completion of credentialing requirements prior to the start of the program which may take 4-6 weeks
- Ability to commit to the same two, 6-hour shifts per week throughout the semester
- Attendance at two orientation sessions covering basics of research methodology, informed consent, and an overview of all current studies
- Two 6-hour clinical shifts per week
- Scheduled 1:1 meetings with assigned Clinical Research Coordinator mentor

**Semester 2:** Students invited to continue in the second semester will be assigned to a specific clinical project and work individually with a faculty member and study coordinators. Students will develop advanced clinical research skills by focusing on a topic within the study and conduct directed readings or, when possible, conduct a sub-analysis of data collected for the study. Requirements for participation include:

- One 6-hour clinical shift per week
- One 6-hour clinical project shift per week
- Attendance at group meetings
- Scheduled 1:1 meetings with assigned Clinical Research Coordinator mentor

Performance in the program will be assessed through objective assessments and continued feedback by research staff and faculty throughout the semester. A summary evaluation and letters of reference will be provided upon completion of all required tasks.

**All applications must be submitted by October 31, 2023, for consideration.**

**Please complete the attached application and send it to Jessica Albert ([albertj1@chop.edu](mailto:albertj1@chop.edu)) with your CV/resume if you are interested. You will be contacted if selected for an interview.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:		
Date of Birth:	Phone:	
Local Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail Address:		
EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION		
Current college/University:		
Current program/major:		
Year in program:		
Expected completion date:		
GPA:		
Undergraduate college/university (if different from above):		
Undergraduate program/major (if different from above):		
Graduation date (if different from above):		
Undergraduate GPA (if different from above):		
Are you applying to medical school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, for entry in what year?
CLINICAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE		
Do you have any clinical research experience? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, briefly explain where and what type of work you've done.		
Do you have any experience in an Emergency Department? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, explain.		
PROGRAM INTEREST		
Why are you interested in becoming an AA? (Select all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested in learning more about emergency medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Would like some volunteer experience <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in clinical research <input type="checkbox"/> Just seemed like fun <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in working with children <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If you selected other, please explain.		

What excites you most about working in an Emergency Department?

What concerns or reservations do you have about working in an Emergency Department?

Do you have any experience working with children?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain.

**AVAILABILITY**

Please indicate your potential availability by putting "YES" for times you prefer to work, "MAYBE" for times you may be able to work, and "NO" for times you are unavailable. This is not a final determinant of your schedule but gives us a sense of your availability.

**\*\*You MUST be available to work at least 1 weekday shift.\*\***

		<b>MORNING</b> 7a-1pm	<b>AFTERNOON</b> Noon-6p	<b>EVENING</b> 6p-Midnight
	<b>Monday</b>			
	<b>Tuesday</b>			
	<b>Wednesday</b>			
	<b>Thursday</b>			
	<b>Friday</b>			
	<b>Saturday</b>			
	<b>Sunday</b>			

Is there anything else we should know about you?

By checking here, you indicate that, if selected, you agree to commit 12 hours/week for the entire Spring, 2024 semester.