Research Assistant Position at Children’s Hospital Colorado Sports Medicine Department
Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora CO

Program Overview

The Sports Medicine Program for Young Athletes at Children’s Hospital Colorado in Aurora, Colorado will be filling a full-time Research Assistant position starting late May, early June. The position is intended for recent graduates who are interested in Sports Medicine, preferably have some prior involvement in research, and are looking for research and clinical experience in preparation for a professional career in the medical field. All candidates must have an undergraduate degree, or must be expecting to receive one in the spring of 2015. All candidates must be able to commit to at least two full years in the position before beginning professional school.

The MRC was founded in 2006 to provide a program within the Orthopedic Institute (OI) that promotes the academic and professional development of OI faculty and research staff by fostering exemplary clinical research in pediatric orthopaedics. Areas of research interests include role of genetics in musculoskeletal disorders, sports medicine, spinal deformities, and hip pathologies. Collaborative efforts between the Center for Gait and Movement Analysis (CGMA), MRC, the Orthopaedic Department and the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department allow expanded access to a diverse array of research interests and patient conditions.

Description of Research Activities

Research assistants are expected to coordinate physicians and other members of the sports medicine program to design, implement, and disseminate clinical research. Research activities may include performing literature reviews, completing institutional review board applications, chart reviews, consenting patients, conducting research visits for data collection, review of patient records, data entry, presenting findings at local and national meetings, and writing manuscripts. Research collaboration with other specialties is very common.

Qualifications expected of applicants include proficiency in writing and use of Microsoft Office as well as a general understanding of musculoskeletal anatomy and physiology. Any research experience is preferred but not required.

Application and Timeline

Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Interviews will be given on a rolling basis.

Applicants will need to submit these documents:
- Cover letter
- Current resume/CV (include GPA)
- Writing sample
- Unofficial Transcript
- Single-spaced document describing the following:
  - One paragraph describing your interest in orthopaedics, specifically sports medicine and how this opportunity fits into long-term goals and plans (250 word limit)
  - Brief timeline of future plans, including applying to professional/graduate school, and the year of matriculation for the earliest time you might be prepared to accept an offer for a seat in professional school.

For more information or to apply, please email Ada Sochanska at ada.sochanska@childrenscolorado.org. You will receive confirmation once your application is complete.