

**Announcement of Application for
Penn Medical Student Summer Research Experience in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R)**

To: University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine MS1 class

From: Randel Swanson, DO, PhD; Associate Director for Research in PM&R

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The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) is excited to announce a new opportunity for an integrated 10-week summer research / clinical experience in PM&R for Penn Medical Students (during the summer between 1st and 2nd year). This program will accept up to 2 awardees per academic year.

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Overall structure of the program

- 10-weeks in duration
 - Research Training and Mentorship
 - Responsible Conduct of Research Training (including, as applicable to the research project: human subjects research, animal care and use in research, laboratory safety)
 - Full-time research experience on a clinical, translational, or basic science project under the mentorship of a PM&R faculty investigator
 - Weekly meetings with PM&R faculty mentor
 - Oral presentation of research findings to the PM&R Department at the end of the program
 - Preparation of an abstract and/or manuscript, as appropriate
 - Didactic training
 - Participation in PM&R Resident Core Curriculum weekly lecture series (Wednesday mornings) – provides exposure to core clinical PM&R topics and opportunities to interact with PM&R residents
 - Research Seminars: students will attend weekly seminars or lab meetings as appropriate based on their research project and mentor
 - Clinical shadowing in PM&R
 - Observe PM&R outpatient clinic one half-day per week (various subspecialties throughout the program)
 - Attend inpatient PM&R rounds once per week (rotating through the various inpatient services throughout the program)
 - Funding
 - This program will come with \$3500 funding
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Application

- Eligibility
 - Currently enrolled MS1 at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in good academic standing

- Application Process
 - Step 1: Interested individual should contact Dr. Randel Swanson (randel.swanson@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) to discuss potential mentors and research options.
 - Step 2: Applicant will develop application with guidance from selected faculty mentor
 - Step 3: Applicant will submit all required application material to Dr. Swanson Prior to application deadline
- Application Materials
 - One-Page Research Proposal
 - Letter of support from proposed PM&R Mentor
 - CV
 - Confirmation of good academic standing from Perlman School of Medicine
 - Personal statement on interest in PM&R (500-word max)
- Deadline to apply
 - February 28th
- Review
 - Applications will be reviewed by the PM&R Research Committee
 - Selection Criteria
 - Strength of the proposed project
 - Demonstration of mentorship support
 - Applicant's expressed interest in the proposed area of study and the field of PM&R
- Notification of Acceptance / funding
 - March 15th