Announcement of Application for

Penn Medical Student Summer Research Experience in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R)

To: University of Pennsylvania Perlman 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.

Overall structure of the program

- 10-weeks in duration (for 2022 the dates would be 6/13/22 – 8/19/22)
- 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

Application

- Eligibility
  - Currently enrolled MS1 at the University of Pennsylvania Perlman 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

- 2/25/2022

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

- 3/15/2022