



Office of Diversity • Community Engagement, School of Medicine

Visiting Diversity Clerkship in Pediatrics *Scholarship Program*

As a joint venture between the Office of Diversity & Community Engagement, LSU Department of Pediatrics, and Children's Hospital of New Orleans, we are pleased to sponsor a fourth-year senior medical student who plans a career in Pediatrics and wishes to experience a rotation in our academic medical center. Students must self-identify as an under-represented minority (URM) and display genuine interest in exploring issues of social determinants of health, population medicine, access to care, and social justice.

The Pediatric Residency Program at LSUHSC-New Orleans offers the enthusiastic student a challenging and rewarding training program. Our residents participate in the care of children with a wide range of pediatric illnesses, preparing them for a successful future in pediatric practice or academic medicine. The Department of Pediatrics is composed of outstanding faculty who are dedicated to excellence in teaching and a lifetime of service to children. Most students choose our program for the excellence in scholarship complemented by a friendly environment. Students who visit our program will quickly note the strong and close friendships which develop among the residents since teamwork is emphasized as an essential component of becoming a successful physician.

The LSU Health Sciences Center historically serves a large, metropolitan community with many under-resourced neighborhoods challenged by the social determinants of health and affected by health disparities. The historic mission of our training institution is to care for every member of our community, regardless of station or situation. Our residency program is based at Children's Hospital, which is currently the only freestanding children's hospital in Louisiana. Here, we provide compassionate, state-of-the-art care for our patients with over 43 pediatric specialties.

Students selected for the program will receive:

- \$500 in travel assistance to New Orleans
- Housing in student residential facility in downtown New Orleans, adjacent to the medical school. Will require personal transportation to Children's Hospital facilities.
- A resident and faculty mentor who will meet with the student during their rotation, to provide career and professional guidance as well as a personal connection to the community

Students will participate in a 4-week rotation uniquely tailored for this experience, to include time on our Pediatric Hospital Medicine teams and time in our adolescent medicine clinics. Students will also be required to present a brief case presentation of a patient they encountered during their rotation, focusing on the social determinants of health that impacted that patient's care, barriers to optimal outcomes, and proposed strategies that were or could have been employed to overcome these challenges and improve overall health care delivery.

Requirements:

1. Students must be entering their **final** year of medical school at an accredited, U.S. institution and must have completed all of their required core rotations (Medicine, Pediatrics, OB, Surgery, Psychiatry) prior to beginning the clerkship.
2. Students must include with this application a brief (no more than 500 words) essay describing their interest in LSU – New Orleans Pediatrics and in Pediatrics. He/she must also answer brief questions related to his/her interest in Pediatrics (see below).
3. Current CV
4. Application form (below)
5. Submission of formal LSU Pediatric visiting clerkship application on VSAS, with all institutional requirements met. **Covid-19 vaccination is required for participation.**

The number of students selected for visiting rotations in a clinical specialty will be strictly determined by each department (3-4 for Pediatrics). Students considered as finalists for the visiting clerkship may receive additional opportunity for residency program interview consideration, but this is not guaranteed.

Please submitted completed application via email to:

Chelsey Sandlin, MD

LSU Pediatric Residency Director

Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics

ctyler@lsuhsc.edu

Applications must be received by Friday, May 14th. Selected students will be notified by June 4, 2021.

Available Dates for Possible Rotations

Block 2: 8/2 - 8/27

Block 3: 8/30 - 9/27

Block 4: 9/27 - 10/22

Block 5: 10/25 - 11/19

Block 6: 11/22 - 12/17

Block 8: 1/18 - 2/11



Visiting Pediatric Clerkship Scholarship Application

NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

ENTRANCE DATE:

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:

GENDER: Male Female

RACE/ETHNICITY*: African-American Hispanic Native American

Caucasian Pacific Islander Alaska Native Other:

**check all that apply*

USMLE Step 1 Score:

USMLE Step 2 CK Score (if applicable):

I am applying to Pediatric residency programs:

Yes No

How did you become interested in Pediatrics? What is your specific interest in LSU and New Orleans?

What strengths do you possess that you feel will make you a strong Pediatric resident and physician?
What do you wish to work on/develop more fully?

How do you think the social determinants of health impact Pediatric patients?