



# Penn Visiting Clerkship Program

The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia | Penn Medicine



The Visiting Clerkship Program for Students Underrepresented in Medicine encompasses numerous opportunities for 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students to explore rotations at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), Penn Presbyterian Hospital (Presby), and Pennsylvania Hospital (Pennsy) in several subspecialties. The clerkships include both sub-internship and elective experiences in top-ranked residency programs. Students not only have the opportunity to spend time learning first-hand what it is like to be a resident at these institutions, but they are paired with resident and faculty mentors and meet with Residency Program Directors to aid in their recruitment and preparation for the interview season and Match Process. Funding is included!

## Program Highlights

- Each student is paired with a Faculty or Resident mentor in an area of their interest
- Each student will be given the opportunity to have a personal meeting with the Residency Program Director in the program of their interest
- Funding/Stipends of \$1500-\$2000 to cover travel and housing
- Opportunity to interact with current residents, fellows, and faculty at social events

## Clerkship Programs

We offer sub-internships (acting internships) and electives with outpatient and consult clinical exposure in the following specialties:

Anesthesiology	Cardiothoracic Surgery
Dermatology	Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine	General Surgery
Internal Medicine	Neurology
Neurosurgery	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Ophthalmology	Otolaryngology*
Pathology	Pediatrics
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	Plastic Surgery
Psychiatry	Radiation Oncology*
Radiology	Urology
Vascular Surgery	

\*these programs will accept students on a rolling basis, encourage early application

## Application Requirements and Information

The application for our Clerkship opens in January and is available through the Perelman School of Medicine's VLSO application. Search "Perelman School of Medicine" under the Elective Catalogue. Then you can find the specific applications by searching "URIM" or by looking up the specialty of your choice and selecting "Visiting URIM Clerkship."

**General information:** <http://www.allianceofminorityphysicians.org/penn-urim-visiting-clerkship-program.html>

**VSLO Website:** <https://students-residents.aamc.org/visiting-student-learning-opportunities/visiting-student-learning-opportunities-vslo>

**Perelman School of Medicine Visiting Student Website:** <https://www.med.upenn.edu/student/application-and-dates.html>

All applicants must be rising 4<sup>th</sup> year (or final year if additional degrees or program longer than 4 years) medical students and should apply for the clerkship program that correlates to the subspecialty they are pursuing in the match. **Application deadline to be shared at a later date.** The following materials are required and will be completed/uploaded via the VLSO application site:

- Student Information Form
- Immunization Record
- CV/Resume
- Transcript (official or unofficial)
- Photograph
- Proof of Health Insurance
- Personal Statement expressing interest for specialty/clerkship program
- Letter of Support (not required for Emergency Medicine; letters should preferentially be submitted by an attending physician in the specialty to which you are applying but any attending physician letter will be accepted)

## Rotation dates

*Available rotations for each specialty vary based on program selection and availability.*

- July 29 – August 23, 2024
- August 26 – September 20, 2024
- September 23 – October 18, 2024
- October 21 – November 14, 2024

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