



*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:

- Up to \$2000 depending on housing options and total scholarships awarded - to be determined upon award decision.
- Meal card at Children's Hospital.
- A resident or faculty mentor who will meet with the student during their rotation. Mentor will provide career/professional guidance and a personal connection to the community.
- Meeting with Pediatric Residency Director and/or Associate Program Director.
- Participation in all educational sessions with residents.

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.

*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. To apply, please complete and share:
  - a. Application form (see page 3-4) with thorough answers to 3 questions pertaining to interests, personal strengths, and social determinants of health.
  - b. Current CV.
  - c. Submission of VSAS Application to LSU PEDI 420 - Pediatrics - Diversity Scholarship Rotation, with all institutional requirements met.
  - d. **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 (1-2 for Pediatrics). Students considered as finalists for the visiting pediatric clerkship will receive a guaranteed residency interview.**

**Please submit completed application via email to both (in same email):**

**Chelsey Sandlin, MD**

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Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics  
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**Lauren Davis, MD**

Associate Director, LSU Pediatric Residency  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics  
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**Applications must be received by Thursday, June 1st. Selected students will be notified by Friday, June 16th.**

**Available Dates for Possible Rotations**

Block 3: 8/28/23 – 9/22/23

Block 4: 9/25/23 – 10/20/23

*\*Block 5: 10/23/23 – 11/17/23*

*\*Block 5 offered as an option on a case-by-case basis.*

*\*\*Dates can potentially be adjusted to accommodate institutional block schedules.*



Children's Hospital  
New Orleans  
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### Visiting Pediatric Clerkship Scholarship Application

NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

ENTRANCE DATE:

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:

GENDER:  Male  Female  Transgender  Nonbinary  Prefer not to answer

RACE/ETHNICITY\*:  African-American  Hispanic  Native American

Caucasian  Pacific Islander  Alaskan Native  Other:

\*check all that apply

USMLE Step 1 Score:

USMLE Step 2 CK Score (if applicable):

***I plan to apply to categorical Pediatric residency programs:***

Yes  No

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

**2. 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?**

**3. How do you think the social determinants of health impact pediatric patients?**