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PICS 2010 Internship Description

Organization Name: Children's National Medical Center Trauma

Internship Location: Washington, DC

Required Dates: Yes No If yes, internship must start on: _____ and end on _____ or
must include the period:

Housing Will Be Available to Intern: Yes No If yes, housing will be free: or housing
will cost the student:

Expected working schedule for this internship:

Start Time: 8:00am End Time: 4:30pm
Lunch break: 40 min (duration) (specific time, if applicable)

Additional Information, if necessary: No
(Please indicate if any of the preparation work will take place outside of the regular work schedule)

Organization Description

Please describe your organization briefly, including mission statement, activities, size etc. Please also explain the benefit that will be derived by your organization by sponsoring a Princeton intern.

Children's National Medical Center in Washington DC, is a Pediatric Level I Trauma Center providing pediatric emergent, urgent, and other health care services for the children and families of the Washington Metropolitan Area, Maryland and Virginia suburbs.

A 14 member Board of Directors governs the hospital. Organizationally, there are 6 Boards of the CNMC. The hospital is affiliated with the George Washington University as their Department of Pediatrics. CNMC is a private non-profit 287 bed hospital whose mission is to be the preeminent provider of pediatric healthcare services that enhance the health and well-being of children regionally, nationally and internationally.

The Emergency Trauma and Burn Service of CNMC was established in 1980 to meet the needs of injured children and their families. CNMC was re-verified in 1993, 2000, 2004, and 2008 by the American

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College of Surgeons and found to meet all the criteria of a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center. It is a multi-disciplinary model to serve and be a resource for, the continuum of care approach to childhood injury, including prevention, pre-hospital care, acute care and rehabilitation, education, continuous performance improvement, and advocacy.

Internship Description

Describe in detail the work or project will do; please be as specific as possible. Please also explain the benefit that a student will obtain by interning with your organization.

The internship will be an immersion into the academic practice of pediatric trauma care, modeling many of the day to day activities of an academic surgeon. The intern will have a research project focused on pediatric injury and its management that will be accomplishable during the 10 week internship period. The project will be chosen from the portfolio of research now performed in the Division of Trauma and Burns. This project will be the main focus of the internship. A schedule of regular conferences and clinics will also be developed for the interns to give them a broad exposure to the clinical practice of pediatric surgery in general and pediatric trauma in particular. Interns will ‘shadow’ surgeons in their outpatient clinics and will observe surgical procedures in the operating room. The goal of the internship is to provide participants with an exposure to academic medicine that combines the daily practice of surgery with scientific inquiry to improve patient care in the pediatric population.

Intern Qualifications

Describe any particular skills, background, or qualities you are seeking in an intern.

The student should be interested in pursuing a career in a health related field such as medicine or health care management.

The student should be able to manage time productively, be a self-starter, independent worker, utilize resources effectively, have good communication and interpersonal skills.

Good working knowledge of Microsoft office

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