

WellSpan Health York Hospital

Clinical Research Volunteer Application

Students who are interested in medicine and clinical research are encouraged to apply to the WellSpan Health York Hospital Clinical Research Volunteer Program. The ideal applicant is an undergraduate, post baccalaureate, or first year medical student with a strong academic record aspiring to attend or complete a graduate program in a medicinal or other related field (e.g. psychology). The application period is open January 22, 2019 – February 15, 2019. Five applicants will be selected to participate starting September 1, 2019 with the understanding that all volunteer requirements are completed prior to the start date.

Program Description: Clinical Research Volunteers are provided an opportunity to work closely with research staff to complete a variety of tasks, including, but not limited to, data collection, data entry into spreadsheets and compiling study documents during a period of one academic year. Training and supervision is provided.

As a Clinical Research Volunteer, you will be assigned to a specific research project or projects active at WellSpan Health York Hospital. You will report to and work closely with the Principle Investigator and/or the research coordinator or nurse. Sometimes you will work directly with the staff of the Emig Research Center. To provide research opportunities throughout the academic year, you may be assigned to work in one or more clinical areas. This will be dependent on the active research protocols during the time you serve as a Clinical Research Volunteer. The expectation is that you will work 4 hours per week during the academic year to complete 100 hours of volunteer engagement. Shadowing, lecture attendance, observation opportunities, and other volunteer assignments, etc. should be scheduled outside of your Clinical Research Volunteer hours.

Applicant Requirements

- Must be an undergraduate or post baccalaureate student in an accredited Institution of higher learning located in the United States; or a first-year medical student currently enrolled in a LCME or AOA accredited medical school.
- Student is in good standing with Institution and maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Student has completed an Introduction to Research course, Biostatistics or equivalent class.
- Able to complete WSH volunteer engagement onboarding process and Research education modules prior to September 1, 2019.
- Able to dedicate a minimum of 2 shifts of 2 hours each, twice a week during the academic year (September – May).

Disclaimers:

- A Clinical Research Volunteer will be removed from the program if, at any time, they put themselves or a patient at risk of harm or breach of confidentiality.
- A Clinical Research Volunteer who has two un-excused absences will be removed from the program immediately and will be reported to their Academic Advisor.
- Requested Letters of Recommendation will be provided at the discretion of the research team member who you are assigned to and will be based on your performance attributes and attention to detail.

Application: Submit the following items to the Emig Research Center at research@wellspan.org no later than February 15, 2019 for the academic year beginning Fall 2019. Contact us with questions (717) 851-2223.

- Completed Application – Selected applicants will be scheduled for interviews in March
- Current Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation from your Academic Advisor
- 500 Word Essay on the topic of why you want to serve as a Clinical Research Volunteer
- Completion record for the Medical Researchers- Basic Course at www.citiprogram.org (must create user account and affiliate with WellSpan Health to gain credit for completion)