



Internship Opportunity

The Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab (CPERL) seeks two research interns

Internship Site: This training opportunity is located in the Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab (CPERL) (Director: Mary Khetani, ScD, OTR/L) at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) West Campus. CPERL is involved in interdisciplinary and multi-site research that leverages technology to improve the development and application of knowledge about young children's participation in activities, because improved participation is a primary goal for young children with special health care needs who receive rehabilitation services (e.g., occupational therapy). To learn more about CPERL, please visit: www.cperl.ahslabs.uic.edu.

Internship Overview: We are seeking two talented and energetic individuals to join the Children's Participation in Environment Research Laboratory (CPERL) for a mentored internship. Candidates should be able to clearly communicate a commitment to pursuing a pediatric career and the value of obtaining a mentored research experience to enhance their professional growth.

Responsibilities: The intern will commit to an experiential learning experience for 10 hours per week over 9 months (start date negotiable). An individualized development plan (IDP) will be developed with Dr. Khetani and will contain learning objectives based on the intern's involvement in one of the following ongoing research projects:

- Qualitative and mixed methods analyses of phone interview data for an ongoing study to inform the development of a web-based application for improved care coordination;
- Secondary analyses of new rehabilitation datasets to examine linkages between diagnosis and function in pediatric populations;
- Knowledge translation and cultural adaptation projects involving pediatric assessments that have been developed in our lab;

The intern will be trained to assist with ongoing research projects as a means of learning about key facets to pursuing a pediatric career trajectory that involves research. The intern will be introduced to the role of mentorship in research training, dissemination and grant procurement strategies, research integrity, and lab management specific to their focused project.

Qualifications:

- UIC graduate student in a relevant discipline (e.g., occupational therapy, physical therapy, disability studies, health informatics, education, public health)

- Strong background and/or interest in a pediatric focused career
- Some experience managing a course or work-related group project
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Familiarity with word processing, data analytic, and data sharing software (e.g., MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Box, Trello, SPSS, Visio, NVivo, MPlus)

Funding: This is a 9-month training opportunity with negotiable start and end dates. The successful applicant will be eligible to receive a \$750.00 scholarship award upon successful completion of the internship, as well as access to a modest budget to support professional development per established CPERL guidelines (e.g., conference travel).

Application Process: Applicants must electronically submit a cover letter (not to exceed 2 pages) outlining their professional background and professional interests and goals for the internship experience, a resume, a copy of a graduate transcript, and contact information (name, mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number) of two professional references from persons who can comment on the candidate's ability to successfully complete the research internship.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Following initial application review, select candidates may be invited to interview. An invitation is based on a candidate's demonstrated academic ability, depth of commitment to a pediatric research career, and compatibility of professional interests and skill sets with ongoing projects in CPERL.

Application materials may be sent by e-mail to: mkhetani@uic.edu. Please direct inquiries about the positions and/or application process to:

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