

Akron Children's Hospital Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine Research Intern Program

Application Checklist for 2026 - 2027

To be considered for this program, each applicant must submit ALL of the following:

- **Completed Application**
- **Two Reference Letters**
 - The Dean's Letter may be used
 - References may be provided after the application if needed. We recognize that timing can be especially difficult during Match Week.
- **Two Personal Essays**
- **CV**

How to Submit:

Email your completed application and all supporting material and any questions to Dr. Julie Samora, Department Chair, at JSamora@AkronChildrens.org.

**Application window is open now.
Applicants will be notified no later than March 20, 2026**



Akron Children's Hospital Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine Research Intern Program

Demographic Information

Date of Birth: _____

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Education Information

Medical School/ Location	Anticipated Graduation Date	USMLE Step 1 Score (Pass/Fail)	USMLE Step 2 score (Numeric)

Leadership Experience and Engagement

Please list any organizations or clubs you have participated in during the last five years. Include any leadership roles.

Organization/Group Name	Dates or Number of Hours	Brief Overview	Leadership Role (Title and Dates) / Notable Accomplishments

Research Experience

Briefly describe any prior research experience (formal or informal). Prior research is not required for this program.

What do you hope to gain from participating in this program?

Awards and Honors

Award Title	Brief Description	High School OR College

How did you learn about the Research Intern Program?

Two Mandatory Reference Letters

- You must submit two letters of reference for your application to be considered.
 - The Dean's Letter may count as one of these references.
- References may be provided after the application if needed. We recognize that timing can be especially difficult during Match Week.
- References **cannot** be from a family member.

Curriculum Vitae

Please submit your CV in a separate PDF document

Work Authorization

Are you Authorized to work in the US without Sponsorship? YES NO

Background Check

Have you been convicted of an offense other than a minor traffic violation? YES NO

If yes: Please explain

Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron (DBA Akron Children's) and our affiliated companies are responsible for children in out-of-home care settings [defined by the Ohio Revised Code S2151.86(A) (1)]. We are required to submit your fingerprints and specific information to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They will conduct a background check to verify you have not been convicted of crimes that could disqualify you from SPRS eligibility. We cannot accept an applicant who fails to complete the required forms or refuses fingerprinting.

Authorization and Verification

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this application is true and complete. I understand that any false or misleading representations or omissions may disqualify me from further consideration for volunteer service and may result in discharge even if discovered later. I understand the terms and conditions of my submission to the background check.

I authorize Akron Children's Hospital to verify any information I have provided. I hereby authorize persons from any of the schools, companies, or organizations named in this application to provide information about me contained in their records, and I release all such persons from any liability regarding the provision of or use of such information.

I understand certain training requirements must be fulfilled, and performance standards must be maintained to volunteer at Akron Children's Hospital.

Signature:

Date:

Personal Essay Instructions

To help us learn more about your academic interests, personal experiences, and career goals, please compose **two essays** (maximum 500 words each). In addition to content, written communication skills will be evaluated. Submit the essays in a **separate attached document**.

Essay 1 (required):

What experiences or events sparked your interest in healthcare or science as an academic focus and potential career?

Essay 2 (choose one of the following):

- Describe a difficult challenge or decision you faced and what you learned from it.
- What role does research play in healthcare, and how do you envision yourself participating in it?
- Cite your favorite quote. How does it describe you, and why do you connect with it?