

Summer 2008 Intern Updates

Audrey Choi

“As a third year medical student at Case, I continue to participate in research both with staff at the Cleveland Clinic and at University Hospitals. I am currently finishing two projects with my mentors at the Center for Reproductive Medicine at the Clinic, as well as working on population-based cancer research in the Department of Surgery at University Hospitals. My experience as a summer intern has benefitted my third year research block tremendously. Being proficient in literature searches on PubMed and having invaluable experience in scientific writing from the Clinic helped me hit the ground running in my surgery research. As I prepare for my last block of clinical rotations for third year and begin to think about residency applications, I still have Ob/Gyn as a potential career track as well as surgical oncology. No matter what field I decide to pursue, I know my experiences in research and the articles I helped produce during my time at the Clinic will both make my residency application more competitive and serve as a great foundation for future research in the years to come.”

Cresandra Corbin

“After completing my internship, I sought out a full-time position as clinical assistant with a dermatologist. I developed a variety of skills by transcribing doctor notes, preparing patients, and assisting the physician with procedures. While it was a great experience, I realized I much prefer the field of reproductive health. In May 2009, I moved to Philadelphia to begin a post-baccalaureate premedical program at the University of Pennsylvania. At times I still find the sciences challenging, but I continue to strive toward my goals. When I'm not studying like crazy, I try to volunteer in health organizations and coincidentally, I began volunteering in the same office where Kate works. Hopefully I will finish my pre-requisites and begin the application process to medical schools in the spring. Wish me luck.”

Deborah Eapen

"I am still in medical school and I am doing research in clinical anatomy now with a focus on the ob/gyn area."

Dinah Chen

"I am currently an undergraduate student at Princeton University where I am majoring in The Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs. Within in the Woodrow Wilson School, I am concentrating on health policy, specifically Global Health and Health Policy. This coming summer I will be interning at the WHO in Geneva."

Katie Fenner

"I am currently working in the Lerner Research Institute at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in the Neuroscience department. My research is on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. I am testing oligodendrocyte precursor cell (OPC) migration and proliferation under the influence of binge drinking. My PI and I are submitting a paper to the Journal of Neuroscience at the end of February on this topic. I am also taking prerequisite classes for medical school, and will be applying this fall. Then hopefully off to medical school in the 2011 school year!"

Kate O'Flynn O'Brien

"Since graduation from the University of Pennsylvania in May 2009, I have been working as a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Women's Health Clinical Research Center of the University of Pennsylvania. The study I am working is trying to determine serum biomarkers for ectopic pregnancy which could be used to develop a diagnostic test for the disease. I will continue in this position until starting medical school in the fall of 2010. My experience in the Cleveland Clinic Summer Internship in Reproductive Research helped me to confirm that medicine and research are both avenues I want to pursue in the future and also helped me to develop essential research and manuscript writing skills."

Lauren Metterle

*“I am currently in my third year as an undergraduate at The Ohio State University, finishing up my major in Biology and my minors in History and Public Health. In my free time, I work in a genetics research lab on campus that focuses on the regulation of cell proliferation and terminal differentiation during neurogenesis using *Drosophila melanogaster* as the model system. I am currently on track to apply for medical school at the end of this school year and will then hopefully begin with medical school in 2011!”*

Sarah Posillico

“Since graduating early from the University of Vermont in December 2009, I have been working as a Medical Assistant at a walk-in primary care and emergency clinic. I am also shadowing doctors at a similar practice. Currently, I am finishing up my paper on Ovarian Vitrification, while also applying to and interviewing at medical schools. Working as an intern in the Andrology Laboratory at Cleveland Clinic has helped in medical school interviews and in my undergraduate school work.”