



Title: 2024-2025 Massachusetts General Hospital Research Assistant

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery - Sports Medicine

Posting:

Executive Summary:

- **Application Deadline:** December 1st, 2023 for priority consideration. A second deadline of January 19th, 2024 will be available for those who could not apply for priority consideration. However, the position is not guaranteed to still be available on January 19th.
- **Review:** rolling basis, early application is favorable
- **Eligibility:** College graduate planning on applying to medical school in near future
- **Position:** Research assistant, clinical
- **Where:** Harvard/MGH Sports Medicine
- **Who:** Dr. Scott Martin, Director, Joint Preservation Service, Director of MGH Sports Medicine Fellowship, Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery – Harvard Medical School, Head Team Physician for the New England Patriots
- **Start:** approximately mid-May/early-June 2024
- **Duration:** approximately 1-2 years, but negotiable depending on timeline
- **Commitment:** Full time—40 hours/week
- **Compensation:** Salary, including full benefits

Details:

Dr. Scott D. Martin is currently inviting pre-medical students and graduates to apply for a Clinical Research Assistant position in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), a Harvard teaching hospital.

This is an extremely competitive position that is awarded to two to three (2-3) recent college graduates or current graduate students who have demonstrated a keen interest in orthopaedics and are competitive candidates for medical school.

This research position is unique in that the research assistant interacts with a nationally-recognized orthopaedic surgeon on a consistent basis. Furthermore, this position is unique in that it provides the opportunity to be mentored in a clinical setting; to learn and hone clinical exam skills; and to attend lectures and conferences with orthopaedic residents and faculty.



This research position has a huge project pipeline and will result in several published manuscripts, book chapters, technique videos, and conference posters and podium presentations at national conferences.

Responsibilities and daily activities include:

- Developing research hypotheses and performing literature reviews.
- Composing research protocols, drafting and submitting IRB proposals.
- Submitting Continuing Review IRB applications.
- Collecting, organizing, and analyzing clinical research data.
- Writing and submitting publications, including managing revisions and edits requested by reviewers
- Clinic: 2-3 times per week enrolling patients in prospective studies, along with following active enrollees

Applicants are selected based on research experience, as well as enthusiasm and interest. The nature of the position makes excellent organizational and communication skills paramount. Prior experience with statistical analysis is not necessary but strongly encouraged.

Timeline:

Preferably, a college graduate taking 1 or more gap years before applying to medical school.

Preferred Skills:

- The successful applicant for the position will be an organized individual who can multitask and has persistence and motivation to implement the various components of a clinical study.
- Experience in clinical research (strongly preferred, but not necessary)
- Familiarity with statistical software (strongly preferred, but not necessary)
- Excellent written and verbal communication (publications are a plus, but written samples of other course work is helpful)
- Familiarity with REDCap software is a plus
- Proficiency: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook
- Access to a car is a plus (the team travels between 3 locations)
- Detail-oriented and organized
- Must be able to multitask
- Ability to work in a team environment; balance many competing priorities and projects
- Ability to gather and interpret moderately complex data



Application Process:

Email: scottmartinresearchgroup@gmail.com

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Interested individuals should submit a short application consisting of:

1. 2x2 Headshot
2. Cover Letter: **include the earliest start date** and whether or not you have access to a car to travel to clinic sites in Waltham, Boston, and Foxborough
3. CV (up to date)

The application should be emailed to: scottmartinresearchgroup@gmail.com with the subject line “Orthopaedic Research Assistant—Applicant’s [First & Last] Name”

Not carefully following the above instructions may result in removal from consideration.

The first round of interview offers for individuals who apply by the December 1st priority deadline will sent by the end of December 2023.

Finally, all questions should be directed to scottmartinresearchgroup@gmail.com.