

*Position Title:* Clinical Research Assistant

*Duration:* 1 year

*Where:* Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush University Medical Center, Sports Medicine. Chicago, IL.

*Start Date:* There are 2 on campus start dates; May 30th or June 6th

*Salary:* A monthly stipend is provided

Dr. Brian J. Cole is seeking ambitious medical school bound students who are interested in pursuing a year-long clinical research fellowship at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL. Dr. Cole works with the renowned Division of Sports Medicine and is also the Director of the Cartilage Restoration Center at Rush University. Dr. Cole directs the Cartilage Restoration Center. Dr. Cole is leader in developing innovative biologic methods for addressing early cartilage damage in the knee, shoulder, elbow, foot, ankle and hip. This unique position will allow the research assistant to work closely with gap year medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty at Rush. The research assistant will also have extensive opportunities for publication and presentation of research at various conferences.

Prerequisites for the position include:

- Ability to start on campus on either one of the 2 start dates
- Completion of research training program at Rush during first 2 weeks of fellowship
- Passing of research training competency prior to participating in research activities
- Strong motivation for a career in medicine
- Evident interest in research
- Strong academic record
- MUST be extremely organized and detail oriented
- MUST have strong communication skills
- MUST be able to self-manage and work independently
- MUST be able to work efficiently with clinical staff

The research assistant will work very closely with the Clinical Research Management team and research coordinators for the other sports medicine attendings.

Fellowship responsibilities may include:

- Coordination of all of the principal investigator's research projects including both clinical and basic science studies with guidance from the Clinical Management team
- Submission of protocols and updates to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) with guidance from the Clinical Research Management team
- Follow good clinical practice for informed consent and inclusion/ exclusion research criterion
- Entry of forms in process note in the REDCap document
- Data entry into EMR platforms and upload research procedure documents to electronic platforms

- Collection of intra-operative data as well as following up with patients in clinic and/or by phone
- Drafting/editing of sports medicine/orthopaedic surgery manuscripts, abstracts, and book chapters with guidance from the Clinical Management team
- Presenting research updates at weekly meetings with the Sports Medicine attendings

Benefits of the position:

- The fellow should expect to have 10-20 papers/abstracts/chapters accepted or already in publication by the end of the research year
- Enhanced competitiveness for acceptance to medical school
- Enhance competitiveness for a position in orthopaedic surgery residency. Previous research fellows have frequently matched at their preferred residencies.
- Opportunities to collaborate with Sports Medicine fellows, residents, and other Sports Medicine attendings at Rush
- Opportunities to observe surgical procedures and master physical exam orthopaedic assessments
- Opportunities to attend Orthopaedic Grand Rounds, Sports Conferences, Journal Clubs, and Cadaver Labs

Interested applicants should send the following items to Dr. Cole's research coordinator, Zach Meeker, [cole.researchasst@rushortho.com](mailto:cole.researchasst@rushortho.com).

1. A brief cover letter detailing your interest
2. CV
3. Preferred start date for the position (June 14 or July 5). There will be only 2 starting 2021 cohorts

There is a mandatory on-boarding training (virtual and in-person). Applicants will be contacted for a phone/video interview after their complete application is received.