



Division of Child Life & Integrative Care **Intern Scholarship**

Description:

The Division of Child Life and Integrative Care (CLIC) aims to cultivate a sense of belonging for students and professionals within the division by acknowledging challenges, reducing burden, and fostering emotional safety. One identified burden includes any financial constraints that may otherwise prohibit a student's ability to pursue the professions within the CLIC division.

We are proud to offer a scholarship to students applying for the Child Life, Therapeutic Recreation, and Music Therapy clinical internships required by their field of study.

We are seeking interns who effectively interact and connect with all people and communities at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

At Cincinnati Children's, we are focused on ensuring all patients, families, students, employees, and the community understand that our commitments to Access, Opportunity, and Belonging are unwavering and guide our efforts to provide an environment where everyone feels welcome, safe, valued, and respected.

How to Apply:

All internship applicants will be considered for this scholarship. To reduce the burden of additional work all scholarship components are built into the application and interview process. Essay and verbal responses will be identity-hidden, separated from the rest of your application, and reviewed by the CLIC Intern Scholarship Review Sub-Committee. Committee members have been trained to review applications and interviews objectively. More information about the individuals serving on this sub-committee is available below.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who have been selected for their discipline's clinical internship following the full application and interview process. Recipients will have demonstrated an ability to communicate and exemplify CCHMC's commitments to Access, Opportunity, and Belonging.

Potential awards may include up to \$1,500 per month.

Our intention is to provide the scholarship offer and amount at the time of internship offer. If awarded the scholarship, students will have the opportunity to accept or decline the award money. The awarded recipient will not be made public and will have no added requirements to their internship.

The CLIC Intern Scholarship Review Sub-Committee

<p>Ali Houser, CCLS</p>	<p>Emergency Dept. Child Life Specialist</p>
	<p>Ali (she/her) has worked in the Emergency Department for 7 years. During her time in the Emergency Department, she has worked with patients and families of different walks of life in acute stress and learned the importance of how emotional safety and trauma informed care can deeply influence a patient's healthcare experience. She has also observed how impactful it is to have a healthcare team that pediatric patients and families can relate to and build trust with. When not at work, she enjoys doing anything in the outdoors.</p>
<p>Annah George, CCLS</p>	<p>PICC Team Child Life Specialist</p>
	<p>Annah (she/her) has worked at CCHMC for 8 years with the last 4 years spent supporting the hospital's PICC team and the Difference of Sex Development clinic (DSD). She has seen first-hand how important it is to incorporate different perspectives and ideas when supporting patients and families as well as when working with hospital staff members. She believes that we all have so much to learn from the people around us and the more we learn, the stronger and more empathetic we become. She is excited to be a part of this scholarship program as it continues to promote accessibility and equality for all students in the space of Child Life and Integrative Care. In her work with the DSD clinic, she has learned the importance of remembering that not all differences are visible and to listen to other's stories first before making any assumptions. In her free time, she enjoys watercolor painting and attending live theater and music. She can also be found rewatching the same three shows over and over.</p>
<p>Anthony Borzi, MA, LPMT, MT-BC</p>	<p>NICU Music Therapist</p>
	<p>Anthony's (he/him) has been with CCHMC since 2017 and currently works in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU). His clinical interests are infant neurodevelopment, child and adolescent mental health, family systems, and how these intersect in the pediatric medical setting. Anthony has served on various professional committees at the state, regional, and national levels, and has a strong interest in reducing the challenges students face as they enter the field. Outside of music therapy, Anthony enjoys spending time in the kitchen, experiencing new cultures through travel, and spending time with his dog Maple.</p>

*As a music therapy Co-Internship Director, Anthony will not review music therapy essay or interview responses but may serve as a reviewer for child life and therapeutic recreation.

Becca Belden, MS, CCLS

Critical Care Building Child Life Specialist



Becca (she/her) has been with CCHMC since January 2021, beginning as a child life intern and later as certified child life specialist (CCLS) in critical care. Becca has long been interested in the differences in experiences with which healthcare workers approach their practices, and she finds deep importance in making the field of child life more welcoming and attainable to the benefit of both future clinicians and their patients. Along with this, Becca also has interests in fostering resilience in pediatric patients, furthering research opportunities in child life, and grief in medical and care providers. Outside of work, Becca enjoys trying new recipes, singing karaoke, and spending time with her cat, Juni.

Breanne Eagan, BS, CCLS

Critical Care Building Child Life Specialist



Breanne (she/her) has been a Certified Child Life Specialist for 8 years and has spent the last 4 years at CCHMC within the critical care building. Breanne is proud to be a part of the division's Intern Scholarship Review Sub-Committee. Breanne's passion is to help lead the way for change, foster a sense of trust, and decrease the challenges experienced in the journey to becoming a psychosocial healthcare professional. Breanne is also a facility dog handler to Bryn, a yellow labrador retriever mix. Breanne and Bryn serve the patients and families in the critical care building, supporting patients to reach their medical goals and improve coping during hospitalization. In her free time, Breanne enjoys being outdoors, taking care of her plants, and attending sporting events.

Erin Seibert, MA, LPMT, MT-BC

PICU & Heart Institute Music Therapist



Erin (she/her) has worked as a music therapist in healthcare for over 10 years. While leading music therapy internship programming, Erin became alarmed by the role the internship process plays in perpetuating foundational challenges to the music therapy profession. She began to work towards helping students access internships, eliminating obstacles that were within her control, which has since led her to this sub-committee. Erin has lived in the Pacific Northwest, the Southeast, and the Midwest, which has provided her with experience and awareness of various attitudes and beliefs

across the country. She also lives with an autoimmune disease and values the ability to support others navigating the healthcare system.

Frankie Muraca, RN, BSN, RYT-200

Rehab, FIRST Program, & Medical-Surgical
Integrative Care RN



Frankie (she/her) has been a nurse for five years and joined the Integrative Care team at CCHMC in 2023. Her journey in healthcare has been shaped by the incredible resilience of patients and families, deepening her commitment to whole-person care. She is passionate about mental health, patient empowerment, and fostering trust between patients and healthcare providers—especially for those who have had challenging or difficult medical experiences. Frankie is currently pursuing her MSN and PMHNP degree and is constantly seeking ways to grow as a clinician and promote patient well-being.

She is grateful to be part of the scholarship review committee and values the opportunity to support future clinicians as they take the next step in their careers. Outside of work, Frankie finds joy in spending time with her pets, practicing yoga, being in nature, and getting lost in a good book.

Katie Nees, MSHS, CCLS

Education Specialist



Katie (she/her) has 19 years of clinical work experience as a certified child life specialist in healthcare. She now serves as the Education Specialist for the Child Life & Integrative Care Division at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center overseeing the student clinical experience. She has a keen interest in how culture and ethnicity translate into societal patterns, norms, and standards. She has tangible memories from a young age of observing some of these differences. Katie aspires to ensure our care for patients and families is built upon the perspectives of professionals from varied backgrounds.

*As the supervisor of the child life interns, Katie will not review child life intern scholarship essay and interview responses but may serve as a reviewer for music therapy and therapeutic recreation scholarships.

Lauren Straub, CCLS

Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics
Child Life Specialist



Lauren (she/her) has been a Certified Child Life Specialist at CCHMC for 12 years and has spent the last 8 years at DDBP working exclusively with patients who have been diagnosed with developmental and/or behavioral conditions. This work continuously shines a light on the inherent goodness of people. It's an honor to be a small part of building a robust workforce which champions the notion that variety truly is the spice of life. Outside of work, Lauren enjoys being outdoors, being the mother of a sweet tween girl, playing piano, and checking out live music.

Rachel Franklin, MS, CCLS

BMT Child Life Specialist



Rachel (she/her) has been a child life specialist for 15 years, with the past 10 years supporting patients and families in Bone Marrow Transplant and 2 years as a Clinical Coordinator. It has been an honor for her to serve and learn from so many patients, families, and colleagues throughout her professional life and personal experiences. Rachel is passionate about the values and initiatives represented by and encapsulated in the work of the Intern Scholarship Review Sub-Committee. Rachel is committed to ongoing learning about lifting up and supporting patients, families, and the people who care for them. She has witnessed and learned of many scenarios in which intentional work

can improve our impact on health, wellbeing, and functioning of individuals and families. Rachel believes we have both opportunities and responsibilities for contributing to meaningful change, growth, and progress. She is a lifelong learner and loves travel and her family.

Tania Imendia, MS, CCLS

Same Day Surgery Child Life Specialist



Through this work, Tania, as a Latina woman, aspires to celebrate all walks of life and allow for everyone's uniqueness to shine. Tania loves her role as a Child Life Specialist as she is able to witness patients and families recognize their own potential, by demonstrating coping skills and supporting them during challenging experiences. She feels honored to do this job every day and hopes to do so for many

years to come. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Tania has come to be a "food connoisseur" in her spare time. She is always open to providing and receiving recommendations!