1. Title of the project/s. Principal Investigator: Dr. Richard Vehe
Pediatric Vasculitis Initiative (PedVas)

2. Brief description of the project and its objectives.
This is a multi-center, international effort to better understand childhood-onset primary vasculitis (CPV). It is an expansion of a previously successful pilot effort. In addition to collecting clinical information, centers will take biological samples from children with CPV. The data for children will be compared to adults with PV, in order to better classify, diagnose and monitor children with CPV. As this will likely be the largest translational research initiative on CPV, findings from the study will be communicated to the global healthcare community in order to improve the overall quality of care and health of children with PV.

3. Student’s role on the project.
Our center’s primary role, at first, will be to characterize patients seen here previously with CPV. The students role will primarily be to help with case identification, and case review, including data collection and data entry.

4. The expected product for the student.
As a collaborative effort, publications (abstracts presented as posters or oral presentations, and manuscripts) will be primarily initiated by the primary investigator at the coordinating center. However, every major contributor involved in data collection and drafting/editing of the publications would be a co-author. Only the site PI (RK Vehe) and a student will be working on this project, so I would expect a student (making a substantial contribution) to be a co-author.