The Medical Academy will be a collaborative effort between Beachwood City Schools and University Hospitals (UH) designed to create a unique high school educational experience designed to provide students with an optimal set of learning environments/opportunities to prepare them to pursue post-secondary studies in the field of medicine and/or healthcare. The Schools and UH will share in the development of curriculum, delivery of instruction, and provision of facilities. The Medical Academy will be housed at Beachwood High School (BHS) and in selected UH sites including University Hospitals Case Medical Center, UH’s nationally recognized academic medical center; community hospitals; and administrative sites.

A Coordinator/Director of the program, selected and approved by University Hospitals and Beachwood City School would assist with the development of curriculum and serve as a liaison between the hospital and the high school. Such an individual would, in cooperation with select high school faculty and district administrators, oversee course development and sequencing, design programming, assist with student placements, and publicize successes of the program.

Initially, the Academy Coordinator would be a part-time (.5 FTE) position. In 2015-2016, it is anticipated that the Coordinator’s role would become full-time. We are seeking Straight A Fund grant dollars to cover the initial cost of salary and benefits for the Coordinator in FY 2014. At the grant’s completion, subject to demonstrable academic gains and observable successes of the students enrolled, it is expected that UH would assume continued funding of the Coordinator.