Amount of funding: $50,000* per year for up to 2 years**

PURPOSE

The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) intends to support early career investigators who pursue an NIH K-award. The MCHRI recognizes that this NIH award series provides substantial salary support but limited research funding. It is the purpose of the MCHRI award to bolster this shortfall in research support to expand the number of future academic leaders in maternal and child health.

MCHRI Instructor K-awards Support provides supplemental non-PI-salary support for instructors on individual K-awards by providing 1:1 matching funds from the instructor’s department as follows:

• MCHRI will match departmental commitments of up to $25,000 per year, providing a total combined CHRI/departmental support of up to $50,000 per year for up to two years** as long as the recipient is an instructor at Stanford.
• MCHRI will provide a LOS stating this commitment for instructor’s applying for K grants. The recipient may either include this in the K application or the Department Chair can include a MCHRI approved statement in the letter documenting institutional support.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the award, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

• Be an instructor applying for an individual K-award.
• Be a member of MCHRI. Visit here to apply for MCHRI Membership.
• Track record of focusing the majority of research on maternal and child health.

TYPE OF RESEARCH

Research must be primarily related to maternal or child health. These terms refer to the expectant mother, oocyte, zygote, embryo, fetus, infant, child and adolescent. All areas of research are eligible: basic, translational, clinical research, epidemiology/statistics, informatics, health services, or health policy.

INTERNAL APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Instructors applying for K-awards may request a letter of support (LOS) from MCHRI stating the matching funds commitment or the Department Chair can include a MCHRI approved statement in the letter documenting institutional support.

Requirements for applying for MCHRI matching funds:

• Letter from department Chair attesting to matching funds

** Eligibility is limited to the 1st two years of funding on the K-award.
Submit above to MCHRI administration to request LOS or MCHRI-approved statement.

The CHRI Director and Co-Directors will review the application to confirm relevance to maternal and child health.

Once awarded, the following are required to send via email to MCHRI Admin:

- Notice of Award (NOA) letter of the K-award
- Copy of the funded K grant

Note: For those within their 1st two years of funding on an already existing individual K-award, please contact the MCHRI Administration for further information.

AWARD

Award may be used for:
- Research Personnel
- Research Supplies/Services

Award may NOT be used for:
- PI Salary Support
- Travel, conference fees, tuition, classes
- Membership dues, journal subscriptions, books
- Office supplies, ITSS communications
- Poster presentations, abstract submissions
- Computer equipment, software, or accessories
- Any other indirect research costs

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by the MCHRI Director and Co-Director. A formal letter of notice of award will be issued by MCHRI once approved.

REPORTING

Recipient must submit copy of the K grant annual Progress Report to obtain continued funding while an instructor.

Annual release of MCHRI funding is contingent upon submission of K grant annual Progress Report and providing a guarantee PTA with “Designated” award classification as evidence of continued departmental matching funds.

TERM OF AWARD

Should there be a change in their role that significantly alters their ability to carry out their responsibilities, the award will be forfeited prior to the completion of the term. However, if there have been unusual occurrences then the awardee may request a deferral or leave of absence from the award; this request will be adjudicated by the Director of the MCHRI.

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