From Mary Leonard, on behalf of the Stanford Child Health Research Institute

I am pleased to announce that the Child Health Research Institute is introducing a new program to fund the tuition for selected maternal and child health physician fellows in Master of Science degree programs here at Stanford University. The intent of this funding mechanism is to produce a cadre of skilled clinician scientists, to prepare them for academic research careers, and to develop national leaders in maternal and child health research.

We anticipate that most recipients will enroll in MS programs in the Department of Health Research and Policy. These include the MS program in Epidemiology and Clinical Research (http://med.stanford.edu/epidemiology/grad_programs/MS-overview.html) and the MS program in Health Services Research (http://med.stanford.edu/hsr/grad_programs/mshsr.html). However, we will consider applications to fund tuition for any MS program at Stanford University that will support the recipient’s development as a clinician scientist. Importantly, all applicants will need to apply directly for admission to the respective MS Degree Programs, independent of this application for tuition support.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible for the award, the applicant must be a physician fellow in pediatrics or a subspecialty primarily focused on maternal and child health (e.g. maternal fetal medicine, or pediatric neurology, surgery, radiology, or other disciplines). The applicant must have sufficient protected time to complete the two year MS degree and research program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Due Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

We anticipate that many applicants will also apply for the Stanford CHRI Clinical (MD) Trainee Support grant that provides salary support for up to two years during fellowship. Fellows applying for both MS tuition support and Stanford CHRI Clinical (MD) Trainee Support should submit the Clinical (MD) Trainee Support application through the Spectrum Child Health online submission link (http://med.stanford.edu/spectrumchildhealth/funding/trainee-support.html) as usual. They should also send a separate letter to Mary Chen, Director of Spectrum Child Health at machen@stanford.edu, stating which MS degree program they are interested in, along with a statement specifying how the MS training will promote their development as an independent clinician scientist.

Fellows applying for MS tuition only, should submit the following materials to Mary Chen, Director of Spectrum Child Health at machen@stanford.edu as a single pdf document.

1. A cover letter specifying which MS degree program they are interested in, and documentation of sufficient protected time to complete the two year MS degree and research program.
2. The following components using the instructions from the Stanford CHRI Clinical (MD) Trainee Support application (http://med.stanford.edu/spectrumchildhealth/funding/trainee-support.html)
   a. Research Plan (maximum 3 pages)
      i. Specific Aims
      ii. Relevance to Maternal and Child Health
      iii. Background and Significance
      iv. Preliminary Studies (if available)
      v. Research Design and Methods
vi. Career Development
vii. Potential Pitfalls and Contingency Plans
viii. Future Steps
b. Appendix (Figures and References, maximum 3 pages)
c. Applicant Information
   i. CV
   ii. Personal Statement, including an explanation of how the MS training will promote their development as an independent clinician scientist (maximum 2 pages).
   iii. Letters of reference from three referees (excluding mentors or co-investigators)
d. Supervisor / Primary Research Mentor Information
   i. Assessment of the Applicant (maximum 1 page)
   ii. NIH Biosketch

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REVIEW PROCESS
The applications for MS tuition support will be reviewed by the CHRI Executive Committee. Finalists will be interviewed by two faculty members, including members of the CHRI Executive Committee.

We look forward to receiving these applications and are pleased that CHRI is able to support this new program.

Sincerely,
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