



STANFORD MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Harman Scholar Award Policy

A) GENERAL

MCHRI Harman Scholar Awards support mid-career Stanford faculty (associate professor) with Medical Center Line (MCL) appointments in clinical departments as follows:

- \$100,000 per year for up to 3 years;
- Use the resources first for their remuneration and benefits and second to support research costs such that there shall be demonstrable, significant and meritorious scholarship/research activities related to innovation in maternal or child health.

B) GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

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

- Hold a MCL faculty (associate professor) appointment in clinical departments.
- Be a member of MCHRI. Visit [here](#) to apply for MCHRI Membership.
- Have a track record of focusing the majority of their research on maternal or child health.
- An individual with an acting associate professor position in a clinical department may be eligible as long as his/her formal associate professor MCL faculty appointment is approved by the Provost Office by Sept. 1, 2020, the start date of the award.
- Has not previously held a MCHRI Harman or Faculty Scholar award.
- Eligible faculty cannot hold more than one Faculty scholarship (including MCHRI Harman & Faculty Scholar Awards) at any given time per University guidelines.

C) LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE: **Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 5:00 pm**

*Submit your letter of intent (LOI) to the following link: [ONLINE APPLICATION LINK](#), per the application instructions. You do not need to submit your LOI via your RPM.

Complete letter of intent guidelines [here](#).

D) FULL PROPOSAL (by invitation) DEADLINE: **Monday, May 18, 2020 @ 5:00 pm**

Notification of selected LOIs will be in late March 2020.

Earliest project start date is September 1, 2020. Project start date no later than December 1, 2020. Awards will be announced in July 2020.

E) TYPE OF RESEARCH: **Relevance to Maternal and Child Health**

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.

F) NOMINATION

If invited to submit a full proposal, applicants will need to be nominated by the Clinical Department Chair* or Division Chief wherein they hold their primary Stanford University academic appointment. The Chair's nominating letter will:

- Confirm eligibility
- Enumerate the nominee's *current* time commitment to clinical, education, research, and administration, and the time commitment to these activities if named a MCHRI Faculty Scholar.

*If the Chair serves on the Faculty & Harman Scholar [adjudication committee \(MCHRI Executive Committee\)](#), the applicant will be nominated by their Division Chief.

G) INTERNAL FULL PROPOSAL APPLICATION GUIDELINES

If invited to submit full proposal, please submit one PDF file containing the following (in the order listed below) to mchri_admin@stanford.edu by **Monday, May 18, 2020 @ 5:00 pm**

1) Cover Page

Please use provided MCHRI Harman Scholar Application Form.

2) Letter of Nomination printed on your department's letterhead and signed by your Clinical Department Chair or Division Chief, including the elements detailed above

3) Research Proposal (maximum of 4 pages of text and no more than 5 additional pages of attachments including references or appendices. Use Arial 11 font or larger and place the applicant's name on every page along with the page number)

The proposal should contain a concise description of the project aims, hypothesis, background, preliminary studies, study design, methods, analysis plan and potential pitfalls. The budget should be included **using the provided budget template**. For human-based studies, consultation with the [Quantitative Sciences Unit \(QSU\)](#) is highly recommended at least two months prior to the submission deadline.

4) A Statement that:

- in abstracts, presentations, publications, grants, press releases and inventions arising from this support they will indicate, when possible, that they are a Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute Harman Scholar
- they will use the award title as a part of their formal signature block, e.g.:
NAME
< > Endowed Harman Scholar
Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute
- they will comply with all reporting requirements both during and following the completion of this award

5) NIH Biosketch and Other Support Page

H) SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by the MCHRI Faculty & Harman Scholars Review Panel. Priority will be given to nominees in the early stages of their career development.

I) TERM OF APPOINTMENT

All appointments are term limited for a single term of up to 3 years. The MCHRI Harman Scholar recipients will be required to submit a progress report, and any changes in their role and effort allocation in the School of Medicine on an annual basis prior to release of funding for each subsequent year during the term. Should there be a change in their role that significantly alters their ability to carry out their responsibilities as an MCHRI Faculty Scholar 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.

- Should a current faculty scholar holder be promoted to full professor, the faculty scholar award must be released within one year of the holder's promotion.
- MCHRI Harman Scholars will be expected to present their work at MCHRI educational events (seminars, symposiums) and serve on the Education and/or Faculty Scholar adjudication committees for the duration of their term, and thereafter while they are at Stanford.

Unless specified by the philanthropic gift agreement, the endowment for an MCHRI Harman Scholar does not "belong" to any specific Department or Division, but instead rests within the MCHRI and is used in a manner that optimizes the use of these resources for innovation in maternal or child health.