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RE: Updates to MCHRI Postdoctoral Support Program FY2021

Dear MCHRI members,

MCHRI values postdoctoral fellows as critical members of the Stanford scientific community as evident in our historical commitment and support through our Postdoctoral Support Awards. Since 2018, we have funded 53 postdocs, increased funding per postdoc from one to two years, and from \$55,000 to a total combined support of up to \$120,000. Our total investment to date in that time is over \$5 million dollars.

As you are acutely aware, we are all facing financial uncertainty during these challenging times. We continue to be deeply committed to the Postdoctoral Awards Program but will be implementing some changes to address this financial uncertainty as well as attempt to optimize reviewer burden. As these are two-year awards, we want to ensure we can commit to funding all awarded postdocs in future years.

Beginning in the fall cycle of fiscal year 2021, our Postdoctoral Support Awards will have the following new criteria:

1. The number of applications and total number of funded postdoctoral fellows per lab/PI shall be limited to one per cycle and at any given time.
2. Similar to NIH policies, resubmissions shall be limited to one.
3. IRB application must be submitted prior to the submission of the MCHRI application and the review meeting date stated in the MCHRI application.
4. Incomplete applications will no longer be accepted for completion after the deadline. All applications must be submitted with all required documents.

While our criteria are changing, we remain committed to our young investigators and expect to continue supporting postdocs at the current financial level. Our new criteria reduce the administrative burden to MCHRI and our reviewers and will allow us to continue funding the most meritorious proposals related to maternal and child health. We invite our MCHRI community to partner with us as they advise their mentees and guide them in their pursuit of an independent research career.

Please check our [website](#) in the next couple of weeks for updated information regarding our Postdoctoral Support Awards. The fall cycle application deadline is September 1, 2020. As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions at mchri_admin@stanford.edu.

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