Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
Postdoctoral Support Program

The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) Postdoctoral Support funds innovative maternal and child health-focused research across all disciplines for:

Postdoctoral Fellows - ($80K/year, 2 years*)

*This funding mechanism requires a commitment from the primary mentor of $40,000 for year 2, providing a total combined MCHRI/primary research mentor support of $80,000 for year 2 of funding. Total MCHRI support is up to $120,000 over two years.

All projects must be significantly related to the health of expectant mothers and children. The applicant can be any practitioner or scientist who has a focus on maternal and child health research. Projects resulting in a new maternal and child health focus in the mentor’s lab, are encouraged.

**Special consideration given to postdoctoral scholars proposing work in structural racism, social injustice or health disparities in maternal and child health**

Note: Clinical fellows (MD or equivalent) training in a clinical fellowship program should not apply through this mechanism.

Complete application and guidelines [here](#).

**DEADLINE:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 @ 5:00 pm (no late applications will be accepted)

Submit your proposals to the following link: [ONLINE APPLICATION LINK](#), per the application instructions. You do not need to submit your applications via your RPM.

**TIMELINE**

Awards will be announced in November/December 2020. Earliest award start date is January 1, 2021. The performance period is **up to** two years*.

**GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

- All applicants must have, or plan on, having a focus on maternal and child health research.
- All applicants and their Primary Research Mentor must be MCHRI Members.
- A Primary Research Mentor must be identified for postdoctoral fellows.
- All applicants must have legal residence in the United States (Applicants with H or J visas are eligible).
- All applicants must have a postdoctoral appointment date effective no later than the application deadline.
- The following are not eligible:
  - Clinician Educators (CEs).
  - Visiting scholars to Stanford
  - Senior Research Scientists, Research Associates/Assistants
  - Former recipients of MCHRI/PRF/LPFCH-sponsored awards who have not complied with award/reporting requirements. Mentor or applicants who have
overdraft(s) in previous awards that are not cleared prior to applying are not eligible.
  - Prospective postdocs with an appointment date occurring after the application deadline.

Types of Research

Research must be primarily related to maternal and child health. Child refers 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.

Eligibility: Postdoctoral fellows only * New updates

This grant provides salary (& benefits-only) support for postdoctoral fellows in support of a specific project related to maternal and/or child health. Medical fellows (MD or equivalent) training in a clinical fellowship program should not apply through this mechanism.

- * 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.
- * Resubmissions shall be limited to one.
- Eligibility is limited to first through third year postdoctoral fellows (applicant must be in their first through third year at time of application).
- Priority is given to applicants in the first and second year of postdoctoral training at Stanford.
- Third year applicants are eligible to apply for up to 1.5 years of funding to support the remainder of their third year, and through their fourth year**
- Third year applicants must justify how this funding will help their career path. (e.g. facilitate a change into a new field, etc.)
- Funding for year two is not guaranteed and subject to review of progress and career plans and documentation of the postdoc’s application for external funding
- Applicants who completed a first post-doctoral fellowship at an institution not affiliated with Stanford University and wish to pursue a second post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University in a scientific area different from their first post-doctoral fellowship are eligible.
- Fifth year postdocs and above are not eligible.
- Projects resulting in a new maternal and child health focus in the mentor’s lab, are encouraged

The postdoc’s primary research mentor must be a MCHRI Member and one of the following:

- MD, MD/PhD, or PhD whose primary focus is maternal and/or child health research.
- MD, MD/PhD, or PhD who wishes to expand his/her interest in maternal and/or child health research.

Please see our website for latest updates to our policy and our FAQ page.

Questions? Contact: MCHRI Administration (mchri_admin@stanford.edu, 650-724-0279)