**Research on Structural Racism, Social Injustice and Health Disparities Pilot Grants - Internal Stanford funding opportunity in Maternal Child Health**

**Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)**

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The Stanford MCHRI is pleased to announce the Research on the Structural Racism, Social Injustice and Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health Pilot Grants. Addressing the impact of structural racism and social injustice as key drivers in health disparities that affect maternal and child health are critical to advancing research. Engaging in diverse and inclusive research is a key component of innovation. It enhances the creative process by bringing to the table new concepts and contributes to a culture of health equity in all aspects of translational research in maternal and child health. This funding mechanism seeks to support researchers who understand the importance of these practices and provide transformative scholarship.

This pilot grant is aimed at supporting research that addresses critical gaps in knowledge on structural racism, social determinants of health, social injustice and other factors to overcome gaps in health disparities in diverse communities.

**Amount of funding:** $35,000 for one year

This award provides both PI salary and non-salary support for hypothesis-driven or hypothesis-seeking research that could lead to research that is externally fundable as a result of the proposed study. The study must be a pilot, concept, development, or feasibility proposal. This category is intended to help applicants become independent researchers by facilitating projects that will produce the data needed for applications to external funding agencies.

**Complete application and guidelines** here.

**DEADLINE:** Thursday, October 15, 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 early December 2020. Award start date is January 1, 2021. The performance period is 12 months.

**GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

- Applications welcome from faculty (CE, MCL, NTLR, NTLT, UTL) at the Instructor rank or above. This mechanism is not intended for Clinical Scholars.
- All applicants must have, or plan on, having a focus on maternal child health research. Research must be primarily related to maternal child health. “Child” refers to the expectant mother, oocyte, zygote, embryo, fetus, infant, child and adolescent.
- All applicants and their mentors must be MCHRI Members.
- A Primary Research Mentor must be identified for instructors and assistant professors in all faculty lines.
- The following are not eligible:
  - Visiting scholars to Stanford
  - Senior Research Scientists, Research Associates/Assistants
Former recipients of MCHRI sponsored awards who have not complied with award/reporting requirements.

Mentor or applicants who have not cleared overdraft(s) in previous MCHRI awards prior to applying.

Examples of eligible research topics:

- Research that is informed by anti-racism praxis and serves the needs of racially/ethnically diverse communities so that the research findings reflect any unique aspects of diverse populations.
- Research that examines unjust policies that can influence population health, disparities, well-being, and equity.
- Research collaborations (new or established) with minority-serving organizations, such as Gardner Family Health network, Watsonville Community Hospital, Valley Children’s Hospital Madera, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and local non-profit or community organizations.

We strongly encourage any potential applicant to review, “How to Embed a Racial and Ethnic Equity Perspective in Research Practical Guidance for the Research Process” by Kristine Andrews, Jenita Parekh, and Shantai Peckoo to ensure that research topics include an equity perspective across the entire research process.

We advise all applicants to notify their division or finance managers prior to submitting their application.

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