Diversity, Respect, and Inclusion are Vital for Excellence (DRIVE) in Research Pipeline Award Pilot Program Policy – Summer 2021

GENERAL

The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute is pleased to announce the DRIVE (Diversity, Respect, and Inclusion are Vital for Excellence) in Research Pipeline Award. This program is intended to improve the diversity of the research workforce underrepresented in maternal and child health-related research while supporting mentorship and training. Diversity in research is a key component of innovation. It enhances the creative process by bringing to the table new concepts and points of view and contributes to a culture of transformative scholarship.

The DRIVE in Research Pipeline Award is aimed at maintaining the pipeline of diverse students interested in biomedical research careers. This award provides a stipend to underrepresented minorities (URM) and first-generation and/or low income (FLI) Stanford undergraduate students in their sophomore year to work over the coming summer with established investigators with either extramural funding or substantial MCHRI funding on maternal and child health related research projects.

For Summer quarter 2021, all research projects will be completed remotely. Students are not expected to reside on campus.

ELIGIBILITY

- All applicants are Stanford URM/FLI undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in their sophomore year and interested in biomedical research.
- We follow the University's definition of the URM category. The URM category includes all individuals (for students only, this is limited to US Citizens and permanent residents) who have self-identified as American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. The URM category will include "Two or more, not Hispanic/Latino" individuals if at least one of their affiliations is one of these groups.
- Students must be on their Flex Term and must have been enrolled full-time for at least two quarters during AY 2020-21.

The following are not eligible:

- Stanford freshman, juniors, or seniors
- Undergraduate students on leave of absence

This award provides a stipend to Stanford URM/FLI undergraduate students in their sophomore year interested in biomedical research and working with Stanford faculty on a research project related to maternal and/or child health.

STUDENT APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Student applicants will choose up to 3 projects from the project database. Choose projects that fit in with your scholarly interest or future goals.
- Student Applicants: Please submit online application at the link here.
- Student applications are reviewed by faculty investigator.
- Students will be interviewed by faculty as part of the selection process.
- Only one project will be assigned upon match with the faculty investigator.
- MCHRI will notify student and faculty mentors of the match.
- Student accepts match.

AWARD AMOUNT

Awarded students will receive a stipend up to $5,000 for 8-10 weeks over the summer, for a minimum of 320 hours and maximum of 400 hours. The stipend will be prorated if less than 400 hours.

The stipend will be paid in advance on a good-faith estimate of total hours worked as agreed upon between the student and the faculty investigator.

AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The student must meet with their mentor weekly in addition to the following:

- Work a minimum of 320 hours between June 21, 2021 – August 27, 2021.
- If you have other commitments during the 8-10 week period, please discuss this with your faculty mentor during the interview process.
- Adheres to university guidelines regarding the number of hours that paid interns can spend in class (up to 5 units of coursework).
- Students are required to present their project in a poster symposium at the end of the internship.
- Submit a reflection on research experience.

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