 Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
Research on Structural Racism, Social Injustice and Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health Pilot Grants

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 with community partners in research is a key component in promoting health equity. It enhances the creative process by bringing to the table new and relevant insights 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 support for transformative scholarship.

This pilot grant is aimed at supporting research that not only highlights an important maternal and child health disparity (e.g. racial and ethnic, socioeconomic and geographic, sexual orientation and gender identity) but also focuses on reasons or drivers of these disparities. The projects propose action-oriented strategies to promote equity and improve health outcomes in diverse communities through policy or programmatic changes and innovations.

Investigators are strongly encouraged to engage in partnerships with communities when possible.

**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.

**Complete application guidelines and review criteria** [here](#).

**DEADLINE:** Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 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 June 2021. Award start date is July 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 funded projects:

- Research that engages with community partners to support under-represented racial/ethnic minority patients experiencing food insecurity and allergies through a pilot program.
- Research to determine whether shorter, more frequent telehealth visits are feasible for publicly insured children with type 1 diabetes without compromising outcomes.
- A pilot project to validate and improve an AntiRacism Perinatal Preferences Tool before use in a prospective study.
- A pilot project to collect vocabulary data of children from diverse backgrounds impacted by socioeconomic disparities (SES) to examine causal links between SES-related factors and children’s language outcomes.

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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